

## **Site Council Minutes 12/13/2012**

**Convener: Jessica Schabtach**

**Recorder: Rebecca Hammons**

**In attendance:** Wade Powell, Janell Schoellhorn, Jessica Schabtach, Kyle Yamada, Peggy Farris, Rebecca Hammons, Wade Powell, Lisa Albrich, Julie Butler, Aimee Beckley, Mary Haidar, Lloyd Madden, Marilyn Curtis, Joanne Moorefield, Steve Smith, Londa Rochholz, Deon Saraceno, Stephanie Cannon and Lucy McWhorter.

We began with introductions of Site Council members and review of minutes from Nov. 13, which were approved.

**Student Government:** Wade reported that students are organizing the penny wars and have decided to donate the money to Project Our Time, which works to send former child soldiers to school.

March 8, 2013 is the date for the IHS date, venue as yet undecided.

IHS T-shirts are ready and will be brought to the staff meeting on 11/15.

**Parents:** First parent meeting will be Nov. 27, and Steve is looking forward to working with the group to plan activities and the community service fair in the spring. Janell has a conflict for this date, and because she is a strong member of the parent committee, she and Steve will talk about the practicalities of rescheduling the meeting.

**Planning and Professional Development:** Steve announced that one of the major focuses for this will be planning for the new schedule, and if we have a new one in place, our PD day in January will be devoted to this work.

**Spanish Immersion:** This year, there isn't a contact area class for 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>, which is especially a concern at Sheldon. Because of our staffing, funding, and the size of the groups, we weren't able to create full SI sections. SI parents ran a camp last year similar to the FI camp for raising money to help with this. We may be able to add a content class at the junior level if funding and a qualified teacher emerge. Lloyd added that the parent motivation for this is high and that he thinks one of the parents has found a strong candidate as a potential teacher. Next SI meeting is Dec. 4, when strategizing will continue.

**Schedule Consideration:** Jessica briefly gave us the background for this discussion and turned the conversation over to Steve.

Steve told us that the overlap we currently have at CHS is not a sustainable model. He and Marilyn have met with Shelley Berman and Laurie Moses to discuss the parameters for our upcoming schedule and have been informed that IHS needs to fit within the new schedule for all campuses.

A number of IHS teachers have been trying to come up with a model that preserves core values of our school. At the last Site Council meeting, we broke into groups and discussed those values.

Steve delineated five models that have been looked at so far and listed them on the sheet titled "Possible Models." He reviewed this briefly.

Marilyn addressed the Three Day Rotation option in detail, saying that the purpose is to fit students within a 3 X 5 schedule while preserving core values. (Refer to the handout titled "IHS Restructure.")

**Comments from the Site Council:**

Steve said that the issue of mid day teacher travel might not emerge as an issue and that access to students could be early in the morning or during Wed. late start.

Lloyd asked if there's a precedent for this model and inquired about the time gap between classes. Steve hasn't researched schools that have done this model. Wade says the larger window to do homework could be a plus and that continuity could be adversely affected.

Londa posed a question about credit conflicts, especially with students transferring in or out of IHS. Steve said this conflict would be smoothed out over the course of the entire year.

Kyle said that he was looking forward to hearing student perspectives, but no students are present today. ☹ His big concern is about students who have a hard time tracking responsibilities from minute to minute, let alone over three days. He would like to get student response to that well in advance of the next Site Council meeting, and Wade will run this question through Student Government.