

Eugene IHS Site Council Meeting
October 11, 2016
Meeting Notes

Present: Peggy Farris, Jessica Schabtach, Christine Pettingill, Jocelyn Harley, Brian Kuzma, Deon Saraceno, Lisa Albrich, Ellie Jitto, Tiffany Huang, Ian Torrence, Madison Celeste, Gus Anchondo, Steve Smith, Sabura Allen, Devan Fahsolz, Courtney Dearing, Kreg Hulings

1. Welcome

Corrections to last month's minutes: Gus's name was spelled wrong in last month's minutes. It is Gus Anchondo.

2. IB Report

IB Report from Jocelyn- IB Registration deadline is Oct. 17 for juniors and seniors—IB counseling is basically complete at this time. Students who still need an IB counseling meeting need to do so before the Oct. 17 deadline. The next step is checking in with students to determine any special needs accommodations or arrangements for IB testing. Document entitled "Special Needs Policy for Inclusive Arrangements on IB Assessments and Exams" was distributed to all members present to look over and provide feedback, revisions, or questions. Jessica provided one suggestion on wording of document.

Next meeting: registration data and numbers of students who signed up for each exam.

3. Reports

Students: Apparel contest is happening now through October 20. Design will be chosen on Sunday, Oct. 23 by student government representatives.

First full meeting with all student reps was held last Sunday. It was a successful bonding experience!

Parents: Nothing to report at this time. Everyone seems happy ☺

Staff: There was an IB information night held last week to give parents more info about the IB program and answer questions. There was a good turn out and many parent questions were answered.

Extended Essay drafts are coming in tomorrow, Oct. 12. We will evaluate and meet with students who need more help before final draft is due.

Thursday is a non-IHS class day and all IHS teachers will be meeting for 4 hours that morning to discuss AVID training, teaching and learning communities, and extended essays.

Health teachers across the district were given some release time for new curriculum training (OWL—Our Whole Lives) in health classes.

Travel scholarships are available and are due Tuesday, Nov. 8—scholarships are available to all IHS students. The exact amount of the scholarship is unknown as right now.

Possible opportunity to have students read Ta-Nehisi Coates' book *Between the World and Me* and possibly meet the author (he is the cousin of a parent of a 10th graders at SEHS). Teachers who want to incorporate this book or some texts written by this author should contact Courtney Dearing for contact information.

4. Academic Honesty Policy

Jessica introduced the academic honesty policy we worked on last year for review and discussion. Members broke up into stakeholder groups to discuss the policy.

Students' Comments: Instruction about academic honesty could possibly be done in literature classes for 9th and 10th grades and in seminar for 11th and 12th grades.

Question from Devon: How much interaction happens between parents and students when the syllabi are distributed for signatures? Do parents actually have a conversation about academic honesty with their students?

Students' Answer: Not much interaction. Students comment that teachers don't address collusion as much as plagiarism. Also teachers tend to address plagiarism at the start of the year but not throughout the year.

Discussion continued about the best way to address plagiarism in class—we don't want to scare students so much that they are paralyzed and can't write, but we want them to understand how to cite sources correctly so that they don't get caught in any plagiarism issues. Discussion continued by asking students for their opinions on the best ways for teachers to address academic honesty and in what context.

Meeting ended with no formal recommendations for revisions but lots of good ideas that came from discussion.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8.
