

Willard High School

Steering Committee Minutes

October 25, 2006



Members present:

Staff (if not shaded in):

Students:

Mary Ellen Butler (co-chair)	Chris Church	Lynn Crandall (co-chair)
Jim Davis	Travis Evans	Emm Foster
Nancy Ipock	George Lindsay	
Susan Marcum	Susan Parrish	John Presley
Jay Roth	Judy Scroggs	Marcella Schnakenberg
Melissa Troxell	Jolene Welsh	

Parents & BOE* Member:

Also present: Brenda Grass, Eric Ramsey

- Chris reported on the pilot program for ACT prep. He said that 60 students signed up but only 28 showed up on the first Tuesday and only 7 on the second Tuesday. It seems that the concept is good, but the TNT time isn't long enough. There was some discussion of after school sessions. It was mentioned that the time was not necessarily used effectively to just take the test. It was suggested that students might invest time beforehand to take the test. Then, the time with an instructor could be used to analyze errors and discuss future strategies. Are there ideas that can be implemented before the December 9 ACT test? Teams are to forward ideas to Chris.
- Marcella discussed the No Zero Tolerance Policy and presented the results of the survey. Only 38 faculty members returned the survey. There was a big variance in teachers' current policies for accepting late work. There were comments about the need to teach responsibility and consequences. Eric explained that the concept of a No Zero Tolerance Policy originated with the PLC mentality which focuses on learning. There are a lot of questions about how a policy could be implemented. But, before the team spends more time on research, each team was asked to tell Marcella whether or not there is enough interest to continue.
- Susan Parrish asked if there was sufficient interest in the laude curriculum to re-initiate that study. Some groups thought it was worthy of study. All groups are to provide feedback to Susan and indicate who is willing to work on the committee.
- Eric mentioned that bids are being taken for blinds and TV's.
- The phone system is set by default to send calls to voice mail during class time. That will be changed so that teachers will be able to call one another directly.
- Jolene requested more teachers to help with tutoring after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, especially on Wednesdays. Phil indicated that the number of low grades among the athletes has decreased.
- Melissa reminded everyone about the Missouri Reading Initiative training on October 31.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35

Minutes submitted by Nancy Ipock

The Steering Committee does not make decisions; we guide the staff in order to reach a consensus.