



Willard High School

ALC Advisory Committee Minutes

September 26, 2007

I. Members present *(unless shaded)*

Terri Hession	Paul Riffle	Chris Church	Robin Mason
Emm Foster <i>(Co-Chair)</i>	Michelle Schmidt	Lynn Crandall <i>(Co-Chair)</i>	MaryEllen Butler
John Presley	Jim Davis	Dusty Killingsworth	Jamalee Hancock
Susan Parrish	Rosi Lesué	Judy Scroggs	Amanda Swadley
Cathy Bolek	Connie Dunn	Ginny Reding	Kate Spangler
Marcella Schnakenberg	Bridgett Schmutz	Nancy Ipock	
Stewart Pratt	Eric Ramsey	Scott Cook	

Also Present: Jolene Welch

- II. Top Five Student Needs:** The committee received a handout of what has been submitted to the chairperson. Not all departments were represented on the handout. Some brought their input to the meeting. Since there was some confusion about the types of things to list, Mr. Pratt clarified that these were to be goals that would help attain higher student achievement. Each team should **revise** their goals, if necessary, at Monday's ALC meeting and **submit** them to **Emm** by **Wednesday**, October 3 in order to have them reorganized by the next ALC Advisory Committee meeting. At that time, the committee will rank the top five priorities and determine long-term goals for the next year, for three years and for five years.

III. Additional Input:

- A. TNT Rule Change:** Cathy presented information and a proposal concerning TNT and the use of student agendas. The counselors are concerned that the current way we are using the students' agendas has become punitive rather than a time management tool. The majority of students that are referred to the counselors are not there because of a behavior problem, but rather an issue concerning the use of the agenda or the lack of an agenda.

Cathy also presented the findings of the faculty survey about the use of agendas. Many did not respond, but only about 40% of the faculty feel that the students have improved organizational skills due to the use of the agenda. Ninety-four juniors and seniors were surveyed about the use of the agenda and more than 60 % did not feel that they were helpful nor did they feel that they had improved their organizational skills.

Cathy presented three proposals and asked each group to discuss the issue. Each group should **email Cathy** with their support of any one of the proposals or to provide a new idea. Keep in mind that the original overall goal is to try to teach students to be more organized.

B. Book Study: Mr. Pratt gave a copy of the book *Failure is Not an Option* to each group. The advisory committee members should read the first chapter before the next meeting and be ready to discuss it.

IV. Adjourn: 3:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 2:50p.m. in room 108.