

Steering Committee Minutes – 2/26/04

At 5:30 p.m. Melissa Troxell called the Steering Committee to order. In attendance were Melissa Troxell, Chris Church, Joyce Crumpley, Barbara Wells, Vicki Meraz, Emm Foster, Nancy Ipock, Susan Parrish, Shannon Cuff, Judy Scroggs, Mary Ellen Butler, Dr. Kent Medlin, and Jay Roth.

Chris C. began the meeting by giving highlights of those who attended the Powerful Learning Conference 2/23 – 2/24. Susan P. suggested that the presenters consider showing the staff their presentation. Although the presenters had considered that earlier, it was decided it might bore the staff with the review of our ALC process.

Item I: Vision Statement

Melissa T. began the discussion by suggesting that more of the student body be represented in our creation of the Vision. Shannon C. volunteered SGA to review and it was agreed that *seniors in English IV and Composition classes review* also.

Emm F. asked that a statement, “*All decisions made in the school will be driven by this Vision*” be added. All in attendance were in agreement.

After some discussion, Melissa T. reviewed the procedure for the revision of the statement as:

- (1) reviewed by students,*
- (2) reviewed once more by ALC teams [any revisions given to Eric Ramsey],*
- (3) return final draft to Steering Committee by March 8th,*
- (4) presented to faculty on March 12th for ratification.*

Item II: Laude Proposal

Susan P. said her ALC team reviewed the “4 core electives” discussion from last Steering Committee and recommended that the “advanced course” list developed for those electives should *not* be attached to the curriculum. Nancy I. echoed the belief from that ALC team.

Discussion ensued over the inclusion of fine arts and practical arts in those “4 core electives.”

Susan P. suggested that before going any further students should offer feedback. *Shannon C. said that a committee of juniors and seniors from SGA could be formed to offer opinion or she could take this to the juniors in her classes. Melissa T. also offered to speak with seniors in her classes.*

Barbara W. expressed concern over the lack of inclusion in the Laude curriculum for students involved in several Fine Arts/Practical Arts classes. However, she also was pleased that we were considering honoring more students than just the top 10 and top 2.

Melissa T. repeated Connie Dunn’s reminder from the previous Steering Committee meeting: the goal is to honor more than just the top 2.

In conclusion, no decision was made at this time. *However, taking this to the juniors and seniors in the English classes will be done.*

Item III: Feedback on ISS for Honor's Diploma

The proposal to include "no ISS" for the Honor's Diploma was accepted by all in attendance. Dr. Medlin suggested tying in an ISS appeals process so that a council could review it should a student be disqualified for the Honor's Diploma due to ISS.

It was agreed to take this proposal back to ALC teams for review and that the Honor's Diploma be considered for implementation despite the Laude Curriculum debate.

Item IV: New Business

- Jay R. expressed concern that school-wide issues were becoming invasive to Monday morning meetings. He reminded all in attendance that it was determined that school-wide issues were to be reserved for the 3rd Monday of the month. Shannon C. reaffirmed the ideal for core teams to work on curriculum 3 of the 4 monthly morning meetings. It was agreed that when deadlines could be extended to accommodate, core ALC teams would reserve school-wide issues for the 3rd late-start Monday.
- Chris C. discussed the Board of Education's adopted resolution.
- Chris C. explained his email sent out to staff regarding furnishing the new high school.
- Susan P. expressed concern over interruptions during the school day and losing class time for 7th period.
- Dr. Medlin took time for the following:
 - Showed the postcard reminders that will be handed out to the student body.
 - Discussed summer school enrollment and the possibility of enrichment courses in addition to remedial courses. Departments will be involved in that process of course offerings.
 - Explained that the middle school wants to replicate the meeting times we have for next school year. However, for supervision purposes, the middle school is proposing to coordinate a weekly early-release instead of a late-start with the high school.
- Susan P. expressed concern over communication between ISS and classrooms. Nancy I. agreed that communication has broken down. Melissa T. suggested that is a topic best directed to the assistant principals.

At 6:55 p.m. the meeting was dismissed with a future agenda to be published later.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Roth