

Steering Committee Minutes – 3/8/04

At 2:45 p.m. Chris Church called the Steering Committee to order. In attendance were Melissa Troxell, Chris Church, Vicki Meraz, Joyce Crumpley, Emm Foster, Susan Parrish, Shannon Cuff, Phil Wickwar, Cathy Bolek, Connie Dunn, Debbie Rice, Mary Ellen Butler, Dr. Kent Medlin, Jay Roth, and Travis Morelock (student).

Agenda Item 1: Interventions

Chris C. reported that the Fine Arts/P.E. ALC Team has continued to work on interventions and presented 3 options of scheduling. (*Note: KNT = “Kids Need Time” to work progress academically)

1. T-Fri: 7 classes, 49 minutes each, 19 minutes for *KNT;
Late – start Monday: 7 classes, 46 min.
2. T-Fri: 7 classes, 48 minutes each, 26 minutes for *KNT;
Late – start Monday: 7 classes, 46 min.
3. T-Fri: 7 classes, 47 minutes each, 33 minutes for *KNT;
Late – start Monday: 7 classes, 46 min.

The current recommendation from the ALC team is OPTION 2. It should also be noted that the needed passing time for adding KNT would come from shortening the lunch periods.

Phil W. commented that coordinating kids to have time to work and get faculty support is challenging. Their team is specifically addressing, “What do we do when our kids don’t learn?” and tied the following to both academic and behavior framework for KNT. The framework will be **ACADEMICALLY** driven (versus the **CLAW** character-driven mentoring curriculum).

- Intervention level 1 – 6 to 8 teachers needed for KNT for **all freshman** and others that “qualify” (i.e. at least one D or lower); kids sent to teacher for tutoring
- Intervention level 2 – “study hall” equivalent for **sophomores** and others that “qualify”
- Intervention level 3 – “hang time” in specified areas for those **seniors** and above that “qualify”
- Intervention level 4 – “open” time for **seniors** (last lunch, off-campus possibility).

Discussions and questions ensued. Vicki M. informed the Steering Committee that they planned to give a more detailed look on Friday during the Early Out, and Susan P. suggested that the complete faculty be informed at one time during a faculty meeting. Dr. Medlin agreed.

Agenda Item II: Vision Statement

No additional feedback was offered to amend the Vision Statement, and it will be presented to the complete faculty for approval.

Agenda Item III: New Business

1. It was reviewed what decisions were to be discussed by ALC groups on Friday or next Monday (3/15):
 - a. *Attendance proposal*
 - b. *ISS included on Honor’s Diploma with an Appeals process in front of a faculty council*
 - c. *KNT introduction (see above)*
2. Dr. Medlin reported about the visitors from Eldon.

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3. Cathy B. expressed concerns about decision making of the Steering Committee when meeting times are changed (i.e. 2/28's meeting date).
4. Feedback was offered on posting the minutes "online" for staff to view at leisure. It was suggested that a link be also put on the "Friday Focus."
5. Debbie R. questioned coordinating middle and high school schedules for early release.

At 3:44 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Roth