

SIT Meeting November 9

Present - Mitchem, Chandler, Misenheimer, Carpenter, Holman, Efird, Susan Steele (parent rep), Fallon Ritchie (student rep), DelliSanti, Dellinger, Reynolds, Weavil, Marohn, Gobble, Miller, Byrd, Moore, Monteith

All staff members should be checking and emptying voicemails regularly.

The question regarding why teachers are entering grades in Schoology as opposed to Powerschool was raised by a parent. Since our district made the decision to utilize Schoology, we (JCHS) will continue to go in that direction. Parents should ask for their students' log-in information to check grades regularly. This should promote conversations with parents and their children. One positive noted is that students seem to be more aware of their grades.

Last year the question was raised regarding how to best use faculty members in order to promote smooth senior project presentation nights. It was decided that we should not use all faculty members each semester; rather, staff should be used in a number proportionate to the number of students presenting. Specifically, there will be a much smaller group presenting in December than in May, so a smaller group of staff members should be used in December, and a larger group in May (rather than being split in half).

It was approved for Ms. Barnhardt to take her 1st and 5th period Animal Science I classes to Circle D Farms in China Grove, as well as her 4th period Small Animal Science class to visit South Ridge Veterinary Hospital in Kannapolis, on November 23. Students will only be off campus during the period they have class with Ms. Barnhardt.

It was asked if CATS Unplugged could be extended one day since students only have 20 minutes twice per week. Due to time constraints, and the importance of students receiving full instructional time in other classes, we will not be able to do this. It was suggested that teachers invite Unplugged students before or after school if you would like to spend extra time on your Unplugged activities.

It was approved for Mrs. Wyatt to take her Honors Chorus students to New York City December 18-23, 2016. They will be performing at St. Malachy's as well as participating in a workshop with the Rockettes and seeing two Broadway shows. They will also have the chance to experience some of NYC's most famous landmarks and visit the 911 Memorial.

Mr. DelliSanti asked SIT members questions regarding our school's mission statement, "To become the best high school in NC." Specifically, we discussed whether our faculty believes in this mission statement. Our December faculty

meeting will be dedicated to further discussion on this topic.