

SIT MEETING –February 8,2016

Good Things

- Students have received some awesome college scholarships
- 1st woman to qualify for state in swimming
- A group of students qualified for state in indoor track
- CNA certification Successes

Counseling - Follow up on senior project presentations

Someone from West is coming to speak about how they do senior projects during the day.

Counseling - How to handle grades of Incomplete

- This is an English 3 problem with students who can pass Junior English but haven't finished their senior paper.
- Students are currently given an incomplete
- A few years ago they failed the class
- This year we have about 10 Senior who currently have an incomplete.
- Do we continue to give incompletes and who follows through with the student in their senior year?
- Mrs. Byrd suggested using CATS Catch Up
- Miss Misenheimer suggested Night School
- Discussion occurred about if a student should fail just because they haven't finished the paper. If there is an F on the report card, colleges have no way of knowing they failed from a lack of turning in one paper.
- Miss Misenheimer volunteered to take them during CATS Unplugged starting immediately.
- In the future, seniors who have not written their paper will begin the semester in Carson Catch Up and will not be allowed to participate in Cats Unplugged until the paper is written.
- If they didn't make progress during the first two weeks then they will work on it during lunch in ISS. They will eat while they work.
- We will continue giving incompletes for not turning in their senior paper during their junior year.

Reconvene on Catch Up for 4th nine weeks

(This is a report back from departments about changing quarter grades after the quarter is over for work done in Catch Up)

- History Dept. - For regular classes it is okay to change a grade for work done in Catch Up, but not an option for honors or AP level classes.
- The teacher of record is responsible for telling the student what work they need to be working on.

- Math changes the grade with Judy Brown only if it bumped it up a letter grade. Otherwise they change the grade in Schoology so that the higher grade is averaged into the final grade.
- English mostly used it to catch up on late work. They got credit for missing work that they made up during Catch Up.
- Mr. Dellisanti is concerned about changing grades equitably. Is it done fairly across the board? Kids can't opt into Carson Catch Up so students wanting to improve grades don't get that option.
- Discussion continued changing quarter grades.
- Some felt those grades are set in stone. Some felt that only the final grade is set in stone.
- The idea is brought up that we do everything for seniors to get them to graduate, but we don't give that same opportunity to underclassman. The ramifications for a senior are much greater than underclassman. Underclassman still have time to catch up
- If quarter grades aren't final than it leaves the door open to have students going back to the beginning of the quarter asking to make up work even after the quarter grades are sent home.
- What incentives could be given to students if it doesn't involve changing quarter grades? Reward students for all As, A/B Honor Roll Breakfast, etc.
- Mr. Dellisanti made the decision that we will not go back and change quarter grades once they are submitted for work made up in Catch Up.

Attendance document to go out tomorrow for second semester

- Starting tomorrow we should be calling home for absences
- Absence 3 – teacher calls, Absence 5 – guidance calls, Absence 8 – Administration calls.

What is up with the shortage of substitutes?

- We have an upswing in teachers calling at the last minute so that available subs are already assigned
- There is a sub shortage in the county so the quicker you call the more likely you are to get a sub
- We have some teachers who have professional development and wait to call at the last minute.
- Subs can only work 4 days per week
- Fridays are especially hard to get subs since many have already worked 4 days
- Subs say that they will only get paid for half a day if they are called at last minute and they are late getting here.