

## SIT MEETING - 12/14/15

### Announcing "good things"

- 4 days til Christmas break
- Carol Harper's mom's dog was found
- Melanie Miller went to Katie Sparks Ellison's baby shower (it's a boy)
- Pep band at the basketball game on Friday was awesome
- Keri Holman is half way to paying her sister off for her half of their house

### Senior projects

West Rowan does senior projects during the school day with teachers listening during their planning periods. Is this a good idea for Carson?

- Ideas were discussed - less hectic for the kids, no evening duty for teacher, hard to find outside judges, some kids may need to bring large items and present their projects after school
- Seniors would miss some time in other classes not just English
- Must be very well planned and organized
- Everyone agreed that the plan should be developed and brought to SIT at a later time for a final decision

### Announcing Good Things During the Day

- Mr. Dellisanti doesn't want it first or last period
- Discussion - WCATS, concern that they film a week ahead and it may be not announced in a timely manner
- Final Consensus - beginning of CATS as needed

### CATS

Teacher concerns about the purpose of CATS, attendance, etc. More discussion will take place in May when the CATS program is reviewed and not at this time.

- Students get a 1/2 credit for CATS, you can fail the student for the year. It will give them to credits toward graduation (not part of the GPA)
- There are some reasons on CATS unplugged days for kids to be out in the halls
- Each teacher needs to do what they are supposed to be doing
- Some students aren't coming to regular classes because of the new attendance policy
- Skipping is a problem in general, check on students who don't show up often
- Write up students who are skipping
- Make sure you are taking attendance
- No student should be in the Media Center during class except Mrs. Smilie's class
- Students who are written up are disciplined
- No student should be in the gym if their CATS class does not meet there

### Catch Up

Math Department is concerned about consistency among teachers and attendance

- Is it affective? Some kids don't feel invested because it doesn't improve their grades. It is just remediation. Some teachers want it to be just remediation.
- Incentives - Math teachers are allowing them to make up missed work
- Teacher's need a buy-in for students so that the students feel like it helps
- Student's seem ignorant of what they are supposed to be doing. The catch up teacher has students from other classes and doesn't always know what each student is supposed to be doing. The teacher of record should send the catch-up teacher specific information for individual students.
- Decision - Discuss these issues in January Department meetings. Each department needs to be consistent. Department plans will be brought to the January SIT meeting

### Attendance

Students are beginning to realize the new attendance policy. 15 years and younger will be visited by social services for attendance. 16 and older can pass if they make up their work. What can we do to communicate that attendance matters?

- Create a participation grade (Mrs. Stillings - 25% of their grade is based on attendance with set numbers of absences lowering their grades)
- Set time limits to make up work for absences (handbook says 5 days)
- Departments can discuss and decide on a policy to keep consistency within the department
- SIT will bring back ideas and discuss further

### Theatre field trip

Approved - March 18-20, ITS Conference, 25 students, cost \$250.00, needs county approval

### Europe Trip Parent Concerns

Dr Moody sent a letter that says the trip is not a school sanctioned trip. Parents are confused because it needed to have initial school approval. They are not sure where they stand. Probably the school board removed their approval in light of the recent events in Paris, but are still allowing the trip to go ahead. The group (ITS) the students are traveling with is very good about working with the unexpected. There are quite a few adults traveling as well. Parents are worried and would like more discussion at the last meeting before the trip.