

SIT Meeting January 19, 2016

Good Things

- European Trip was successful
- Carly's baby slept through the night
- Scores seem to have gone up from last semester
- Short Week

Field Trip

- Misenheimer - Duke University Girls Game, 3:00 pm, Sunday the 24th, Approved
- Barnhardt - Equine I and II to Happy's Farm on a regular basis, Approved pending approval from Sharon Gardner (Is Miss Barnhardt driving the bus/How is she paying for gas?)

Carson Catch UP

- Splitting time was difficult – have teachers get together and pick one class (NCFE first priority then lowest average)
- Foreign language is going to split the Spanish and French Catch Up
- Discussion on whether teachers should use changing 1st quarter grades after they have been turned in as an incentive for kids. There were mixed opinions. Please discuss this in your departments.
- Can kids choose which catch-up they can go to? No - Too hard for scheduling, can cause a lot of confusion, kids tend to go with friends not where they need to go, no data that says it works, etc.)

CATS Credit

Students get ½ a credit at the end of the year. The grade in the past was based more on attendance. There is not a clear understanding now of what should be pass or fail. There needs to be more discussion for next year. Please make sure your students know they get credit. They should be attending and participating to pass the class. Make sure you are not allowing students to go other places during CATS. Don't allow students who are not in your CATS class to stay in your class.

Admin - Student Advisory Council input/questions

- Students are concerned that not all teachers are using Schoology. They say about 50% of the teachers are not using Schoology. Make sure you are using Schoology.
- Schoology assignments are being posted in the evening rather than being assigned during class. Student should leave the school building knowing what they need to do that night. Do not post a new assignment without

telling them in class to expect it. Also don't tell them to check for an assignment and wait until 8:00 or 9:00 at night to post it. Sometimes a teacher posts something for the next day and students perceive it as new homework for that night. You can hide it until the next day.

- Students would like to see more consistency on how teacher grade in their own classes within the subject matter. Please discuss this in your department. SIT discussed it with mixed opinions about whether we should require departments to be consistent in how they set up their grades. Some members feel their departments are close and others don't know. What are grades supposed to mean? How much consistency is there among your subject? Make sure you are clearly stating how you grade at the beginning of the semester and include it in your syllabus.