

Minutes of the SPMT meeting 9-19-17

Present:

A. Owen, Student Success Coordinator
Irina Nebouvailo, CCT and Math
S. Franklin, SSST
J. Donahue, Capstone
R. Murphy, English
M. Cardalliaguet, SSST and WL
D. Stannard, Resource
W. Decter, ART
T. McTague, Science
P. Schneider, Advisory and Business
S. Ciarcia, Administration
Z. Parrish, Administration, Bell Schedule
B. Smith-Huckabey, ELT and Guidance
M. Edmonds-Duff, Administration
V. Smith. PTSO
B. Corcoran, Administration
A. Reyes, Student

Absent:

Activities representative
Social Studies representative

Extend invitation to:

Caitlin Bruni, nurse
Maria Silva, clinic
Kerry Anne Frank, Clifford Beers
Jay Muhammad, college counselor

1. Review Norms. Norms accepted without change.
2. Roles: Schneider and McTague are co-chairmen
Facilitators are Donahue and Murphy
Note taker is Decter
Time keeper is Franklin
3. Comer Committee and action from last meeting (June 2017):

There is no and will be no information from the teacher survey as the district did not pay to have the data reported.

Capstone-Students are advised that mentors must be chosen now. There will be training of senior advisors in using the Capstone rubric. The committee will speak at a faculty meeting to clarify the role of mentors. They are also working on a way

to provide more time for each presentation and for underclassmen to watch presentations.

ELT- The new course proposal form was sent in an e mail by Jen Keith on 9/11. The deadline for new courses is October 6th.

Bell Schedule- The committee is reaching out to other magnet schools in New Haven and other districts to learn about the variety of schedules. They are considering a survey of our students and teachers. They are looking at how particular departments will be impacted, i.e. science labs, Yale ATP trips, CNA class, Building Bridges, etc. They will try to meet the December deadline with unbiased opinions and options.

4. Objectives for the SPMT this year? There is discussion about the possible objectives for the SPMT to pursue this year. We would like to increase student and parent voice. We would like to have students from every grade who could then take information back to the advisory groups.

The SSST referral process can be streamlined through having them as part of the grade level meetings.

We would like to monitor the new GLT/PLC meetings to determine the impact they are having on student success. We should get periodic feedback from all groups and determine a measure for success of the meetings.

It would be good to establish an overall Activities Bulletin Board so students can know what meetings/clubs are happening and when and where. We might develop a brochure detailing all of the clubs available. On October 27th we will have the Hispanic Heritage Celebration during 4th period. On October 12th we will have the teacher's breakfast.

ACTION: Further discussion of possible SPMT objectives for this year.

5. Dr. Parrish's report. Aligned with our revised SIP, we will be having PD on writing text dependent questions and increasing student-to-student discourse (objective #1.) We will be combining trauma 101 training, SEL training, and restorative practices (objective #2.) We are also inviting Mrs. Schneider to speak about having crucial conversations to foster positive adult relationships.

RISE-We welcome Amy Owen, our student success coordinator. RISE has provided the laptops for the staff. RISE continues to fund our Clifford Beers clinician and will fund college trips for sophomores as well as the SAT Saturday Academy and our math, reading, and science tutors.

Do we have any data on the results from our SAT Saturday Academy?

ACTION: Ms. Corcoran will report at our next meeting.

We are fortunate to have Higher Heights funding Jay Muhammad, our college counselor who will be here Mondays through Thursdays to support our students starting with sophomore year.

6. Capstone proposal. Azhaleia Reyes presented her Capstone project proposal for naming our gymnasium in memory of Jonathan Heller. Ms. Reyes spoke eloquently about the details of her proposal which was accepted by consensus. On October 2nd which is an early release day, there will be volleyball games for fund raising. On November 3rd there will be a dedication ceremony. Mrs. Lavorgna and Mrs. Shimanski are Azahleia's mentors.

ACTIONS: Mr. Ciarcia will send the program to the Xerox center so that it can be printed for free.

Dr. Decter will write a letter to Dr. Mayo saying that the proposal was approved by the SPMT (to be signed by Mr. Schneider.)

7. Parent voice: We are happy to have Ms. Vernetta Smith back with us representing parents and the PTSO. She will be providing parents with information about the new GLT/PLC meetings, along with Ms. Corcoran. Mrs. Sexton will come to every other meeting and Ms. Smith is looking for other parents to attend the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Decter, M.D.
9-22-17