

9/18/17

HMTCA Governance Council

Attendance: Karleka Norman, Jennifer Mancone, Claude Bradley, George Chien, Darlene O'Neal, Jessica White, Jim Fellows, Julie Sochochi, Stacey Simms, Andrea Tavares, Michele Laboy, Sally Biggs, Sandra Vazquez

1. Introductions held: class elections being held this week for student representatives. Parents and teachers introduced themselves as well as why each has joined the Council.
2. Mrs. Biggs: someone from the community is needed to serve on the Council. It cannot be someone with whom HMTCA has an MOU with. Possibly Sally Calderon as an option (Stacy Simms to follow up). Second option Marion Griffin, NRZ member.
3. Dates of meeting discussed and provided to all members.
4. Start of the school year has gone well. There has been (1) issue within the high school reported. The concern was with older boys chasing some younger boys through the halls. All male high school students were addressed by the school. Parents of the involved youth were also contacted. The school wants to ensure a safe environment for all students.
5. The issues for scheduling in the beginning of the year has been resolved. There were some ninth graders taken off the waiting list and course assignments were needing to be worked out.
6. There is discussion of having a "buddy" program for freshman similar to WEB for the sixth graders.
7. Enrollment hand out was reviewed. Several students who did not pass English or Algebra I in 9th grade did not advance to 10th grade. Algebra was a new curriculum last year. Now aligned to Common Core. Better outcomes are expected this year. Once the students pass, they will advance to their assigned grades. 3 credits of math needed for graduation. Algebra I & II are required.
8. 16 seats open for 6th grade.
9. PSAT's will be held in October (9th, 10th & 11th). SAT's will be held in March. PSAT results are needed to get into College Board / Khan Academy.
10. Staffing hire updates: New staff is diverse. Spanish speaking male Social Worker, 6th grade Science teacher, 7th grade Science teacher, 7th grade Special Ed, 7th grade Math teacher, two 6th grade reading, High School Science, part-time Spanish teacher, part-time Physical Education, new full time nurse. It does not appear a substitute will be provided for Ms. Norman while she is out on leave. Update: Ms. Adams, former HMTCA AP will be the sub for Mrs. Norman.
11. Restorative Justice Practice: 6 staff have been trained. A Restorative Center has been established. Tiered approach to behaviors. Teachers handle Tier 1 issues. Three Tier 1 incidents and a referral is made to the Restorative Center. If students do not respond to Tier 2, then a referral is made to Administration. Certain incidents are automatic to Administration i.e. fighting. Data is being collected. Dr. Falknor is the identified intervention specialist. A behavior tech is being identified (Mr. Farmer). Two staff from Compass will join the Restorative Practice.
12. Final draft of Strategic Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 reviewed. Numeracy, Literacy, College and Career Readiness and Climate and Culture are the focus areas.
 - a. (Numeracy) Improvement in Math is a main goal. Improvement in Smarter Balance testing and grade performance in class. Getting students on Khan Academy more (30 hours per year). Teachers are developing incentives for students.

- b. (Culture and Climate) Decrease suspension and expulsion as a result of major referrals. Increase number of parent responses. Increase parent satisfaction. The goal is to have the parents be more informed/engaged about classes, expectations and communication.
- c. (Literacy) Content literacy across all content areas. Teachers to come up with strategies.
- d. (College and Career) Increase college courses being offered and college courses being taken. Increase in internships for students. Increase number of students participating in job shadow.

13. Updated Schedule

-Provided an update on the new clusters and the 8th grade being divided into clusters (Dragons/Direwolves)

-New schedule with ENCORE changes

-8th grade ENCORE 2nd block

-6th grade ENCORE 3rd block

-7th grade ENCORE 4th block

14. TrinPrep

-students scheduled via new computer program (Enriching Students)

-Teachers/coaches can schedule students into various interventions

-Everyone has TrinPrep at the same time

-Monday=selection of interventions/clubs

-Tuesday, Thursday, Friday=Interventions

-Teachers will be required to pull in students that have D's or F's into their TrinPrep (school goal)

-Wednesday=Club Days

-Clubs staggered based on the number of students that sign up

15. COMPASS

-HS Compass will begin in October

16. Future Agenda

-Please send future agenda items to Sally @ biggs001@hartfordschools.org

