

SCC Innovations 10.10.16

In Attendance:

Chair Deb Loquist

Chris Walter

Jennifer Pennington (Lukas' mom)

Travis

Ken Grover

Tim Phillips

Connie Wyckoff

Amy Reader

Tracy Wilson

Cami Scott

Chantel Reynolds (emailed unable to attend but, wants to know what is going on)

Agenda:

Principal Report-

Update of school progress; great first start to the year

Approximate 385 students attending

Facility is at a 400 max

We may admit 10-15 more students to attend by the end of October

Students are chosen within district first and then outside of district students are considered

We may look at a lottery for next year we are encouraging other principles to look at their schools and make changes as requested by parent demand

10th grade is the current largest grade

Senior class may diminish due to early graduation

Students and social Media:

A new social media that has popped up is an app PHHOTO- similar to instagram instead it takes a 2 second picture on loop, no use of this social media sight has been seen on campus so far this year however it was seen this summer which showed some use of drug. When seen it was dealt with, the proper authorities were involved.

YouTube was raised as a concern with social media. It was pointed out that access to YouTube is limited on district/school computers. An education version is available to watch videos associated with the lessons but access is limited.

It was also mentioned that the teachers and all staff members are trying to help students realize that they leave a digital footprint whenever they attempt or go to unapproved sights such as social media sights.

Question was raised as to what exactly is the school policy in regards to the use of cell phones during school hours.

Answers included: No social media sights are to be accessed via district material (computers)

When teachers observe cell phone students are encouraged or redirected to academic pursuits

Teachers and tutors are monitoring the student use of cell phones during school hours

*It was asked for Parents to help support this effort in encouraging their student(s) to use cell phones wisely during their school day

Question was raised as to Drug Use at School.

Answers included: none have been seen on this campus during the past 4 years

Not saying there is none but we have not seen any

Question was raised as to the safety on campus of our students.

Discussion included: The campus was recognized as an "Open Campus" where students can leave the grounds and return but, students are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings when going somewhere else

Ken walks the campus at least 2 times a day to monitor students and safety

Teachers have been trained to observe the hallways and help patrol the campus at large

Students can self-police and travel in groups

Law Enforcement teachers are present

Homeless has been the only real issue

Out side electric plug was seen being used by outsiders and has been capped

The Field Trip Requests of teachers were revisited with more information given. As our school is growing and developing we are trying to expand opportunities for students to learn. Chris Walter brought up that teachers are very open to ideas that parents might have. If you have any ideas of field trips or other things you would like to see your student(s) explore at Innovations please send them to either Chris Walter or Ken Grover. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

Journalism course wants to go to Seattle, Washington to a conference

To raise funds there will be Fund-raisers opportunities given to all students who want to participate. A question was asked if any students would be denied the opportunity to attend and the answer was that "we do not deny any student."

Another question was raised regarding the food costs for the DC trip- were the figures accurate? It was brought up that at the last SCC meeting the teachers presented the idea of making some of their own food such as sandwiches for lunches to cut down on cost. It was then asked if students could go and see other sites, etc. outside of the main group. That was answered by stating that; no, students would not be allowed to travel outside of the main group without a parent presence. If a parent were to be present and take their student to another place (relatives home) that would be acceptable.

Parent participation in any of the field trips is welcomed and encouraged.

Deb has asked if there were any other questions regarding the field trips presented. None we asked. Deb then asked for consensus on allowing the field trips to move forward- this was agreed upon by all.

A comment was made about is Innovations being supported by our new superintendent. Ken has spoken with the new superintendent and he feels that she is supportive of what is going on here at Innovations.

Ken discussed how the school ratings were to be published in the newspaper and that our school would be receiving a grade of "F" according to the state data. Not to worry though as this grade is based on certain data explained below;

1- Graduation rate (2014-15= 77% which has now grown to 95%)

If a student shows up for 1 day and then leaves it counts towards our graduation

2- SAGE growth (SAGE scores are calculated per year that is if a student works ahead and grows between levels this is not shown on the state data. So if a student goes from LA 9 to LA 10 in 1 year.) Our school is in a unique situation as our students move along at their own pace and therefore this data will not be the same for our students as in other schools. Also there is a Opt Out option for parents in regards to SAGE testing (really all standardized testing) in the state. Our current opt out rate is around 8%- many informed students/parents choose to opt out. A comment was made about-If we no longer are going to have to take SAGE then why take it.

*Math essentials and the SRI are the only 2 exams here at Innovations that we ask students to take these are for assessment purposes and do not go on a students grade.

3- Participation: we do just fine with our participation

There was some discussion about what does Innovations do with students who are not participating and actively working on their credits. Ken said that rather than removing students from the building because we cannot help them, we keep our students and work with them and help them with their needs. Reading, Math, tutors, etc.

The discussion about the school state grade and what it meant for our students continued. It was mentioned that the school data is always getting cleaner. We are accredited therefore our credits will count regardless of school grade at colleges. Colleges look at GPA, ACT or SAT, student statement on what their personal achievements are.

State may be moving to ASPIRE testing data? We are not sure

State has been changing its data source or test every so many years there is no consistency

Ken then brought up the following information for all parents;
Parents be aware our school gets visited often from other states-
Tomorrow the governor's office from the state of Utah- Clark County (Nevada)- will be visiting our school 9AM- there will be Information, tours, lunch Q & A, then combination gathering in the afternoon with our state and local representatives

-Students are proud of there school

Positive Reinforcement is occurring regularly at school with weekly assemblies and other activities. Once a month at these assemblies they are recognizing our students based on a theme. In September students were recognized for credits earned during the summer, especially for the incoming 9th graders
October will be for overall credits learned thus far this year

Parents were asked for ideas on ways to reinforce Random Acts of Human Kindness, etc. Help us know what your students are doing and how we can support them here. If your student is involved in the community some how and is being honored let us know here at school so we can recognize them as well. We want our students to feel that there is a connection between school and their lives outside of school.

Open Agenda:

It was asked if we had representative of the Utah Scholarship Program coming in to talk with our students.

Answer: there will be an up and coming college night when this information will be given to the parents and students. The school counselor is in charge of this.

Ken encourages students to gain their associates here while in school and then get scholarships beyond that. He mentioned that the U of U is looking at supporting a 3rd year of education for our students to assist them in gaining their education desires.

It was asked if we can we use Canvas for our lessons.

Answer: canvas is just a platform it does not contain any content.

We currently use a communicating tool with LMS services. We currently use IGO.

We do this so our classes align with the state core curriculum standards.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:46