

11.14.16

SCC Innovations

In Attendance: Deb (chair)

Connie Wyckoff, Tara Radmall, Chris Walter, Amy Reeder, Christy Bills,

Agenda:

Principal update and review of upcoming events:

The school has compiled all of the student data in a "hot sheet"

It has been color-coded based on credits earned, CE, on track, etc.

The faculty will be reviewing this on Wednesday to identify students who are in need of further assistance and then discussing what assistance can be provided

School College Awareness Day is Tuesday November 15th

All students will be participating it will run from 9:30-noon

Presentations will last about 20 min each

Each teacher will take 1 presentation

Job Corp

Game

College Application

FAFSA

Scholarship and Financial Aid resources

How to write an application

Interest/personality discussion

A parent asked do we know what questions students have regarding college or concerns they have?

Tara informed us that the Gear Up program had conducted a survey earlier this year on those questions

A parent then mentioned that it would be wise to have a follow up on the College Awareness day with all students.

Tara informed us that all the information that is presented on the College Awareness day will be put onto a USB drive and given to all students free of charge to take home and discuss the information further with their parents/guardians.

The Innovation Talent show will be on November 21st at 1PM

It was determined to have it during the day so that more students could attend.

The deadline for students to apply for Concurrent courses is coming up. There will be a parent information night.

If your student is a 10th grader or has not taken the ACT yet they will need to take the Accuplacer test through SLCC. There is an application fee and tests must be taken soon so the students can take CE courses

State Board of Education OCR (Office of Civil Rights) Review- Innovations will be having an OCR review this year- no worries this is a common occurrence. There will be a parent survey involved so be looking for that to come.

There is a School Safety Plan created for what students, teachers, tutors, etc. should do in case of an emergency. Parents may look at this plan- it is in the office with Cindy.

The SILTA Report can be accessed via <http://www.schoollandtrust.org>

This report shows the public how land trust monies are being used at the school. As a SCC we review and approve this each spring. Current trust lands money is being used to help pay for our tutors or para-professional who work diligently with out students.

About every 3 years the district conducts a vote on the school calendar for the next 3 years. They typically give out 3 options. Each SCC at the schools have 1 vote, each Faculty has 1 vote, so our vote is one of many that will be taken into account when this decision is made.

We have 3 options again this year.

To summarize:

Option 1 is basically status quo

Option 2 is an early start –August 7th but we also would get out before Memorial Day in May

Option 3 is beginning at the same in August as we do now but has no spring break and ends at May 24th

A parent asked if the faculty had already discussed these options- Yes, they have. They preferred Option 2 as it aligned more closely to the SLCC calendar. The SLCC runs from Aug-Dec and then Jan-May. Many of our students take concurrent courses through the SLCC and when we are on break they are not due to their Concurrent classes.

A parent asked if the district had ever considered aligning our spring break with the SLCC spring break? Reply was we don't believe so at this time. However, as the number of students taking college classes increases so may their willingness to look at this.

A discussion regarding the 3 options then occurred- items discussed include:

What about older teenagers who have work opportunities during the summer- with the earlier start (Aug) affect them?

What about student who have Travel opportunities during the summer?

As parents we might have to adjust the family traveling/vacation times with an earlier start.

We do however like the idea of getting out earlier in May rather than June

Tara told us that all votes were to be submitted to the district by Nov. 30th

So we are hoping to know what plan will be followed in December

A vote was called for- If everyone is ok with option 2 we will move forward on this option- agreed

Other:

A clarifying question was asked about the Job Corp mini session on the College Awareness Day- it was explained that Job Corp is mostly some post high school in the CTE (Career and Technology Education) areas.

A question was asked about the ACT- the following information was given

The ACT is given in March of the junior year to all juniors

Prep classes, etc. are recommended as is some preparation for this test- it is a timed test

Some teachers have tried to put together a study group or study session for students at Innovations, they have had various responses from students- some are interested other not

ASPIRE is a particular good study program that can be used to help students with the ACT.

A clarifying question was asked: What would parents think that would help?

Please provide your input on this to the administration or SCC member!!

Members of the committee suggested that the teachers research what is available already -Don't spin your wheels creating something new. there are so many on-line helps available. Teachers desire some "human interaction" with the students in helping them prepare for this test not just giving them an on-line tutorial.

In the past teachers have held a study group 2 days a week for a month before the test was given with mild success.

Again we are asking Parents to give advice or suggestions of how to make this more successful?