

Shared Decision Making Committee
Junior/Senior High School
October 4, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Denice Thompson, Denise Knowles, Matt Burns, Miranda Potter

(5 min) Welcome and Review Norms

(20 min.) Discuss recruiting parent/student members/possibility of merging with PTSO
We talked about merging with the PTSO. Denise Knowles is also a member of the PTSO. It seems that what the two organizations want to accomplish differ and probably should be kept separate at this point in time.

I will be recruiting teachers at 7th/8th grade team to be part of the Committee and Matt and I will talk to students as well.

It was also suggested that we might think about changing the name of Shared Decision Making like the Elementary School did to include Family Involvement to try to get community members interested in being a part of our committee.

(20 min) Student Incentives

We talked at length about the student incentives that we used to plan for 7th and 8th graders every marking period and the benefits to them. These incentives are offered to students who pass all of their classes for the marking period and who don't receive discipline consequences for the marking period. We would like to be able to provide these opportunities to our 7th and 8th grade students this year. In the past, students were able to participate in such activities as going to the movies at Crystal Cinemas, ice skating at the Civic Center in Corning, a trip to the War Plane Museum, movies and popcorn in the Auditorium, Christmas Cookie decorating, etc. We had the idea to use some of the Shared Decision Making money to fund a trip for the kids this year, thinking that many of our students wouldn't get the opportunity to experience some of these things outside of school. I will be touching base with Lisa Hawken regarding field trip money as well.

(20 min) Other

-Denise Knowles asked about the tardy-to-class spot checks and how they are going. Mr. Allen has been patrolling the halls and handing out detention slips to students who are tardy to class.

-The Student Achievement Wall is up and running outside of the Principal's Office and looks great!!!

-Denice Thompson had a question about the new phone system and whether or not teacher's phones would have some sort of indicator on them for when they have a voice mail message. Matt explained the system to her and how it is directly linked to an IP as well.

-Denice T. also had a question about why we charge students and parents to attend outdoor sporting events (soccer, baseball). The concern is that we may be discouraging some students and parents from attending because they can't afford to pay to watch the events. Some other questions came up about who gets the money from the tickets sales and for the concession stand and what it is used for. It was suggested that maybe we have some sort of pass for those who have financial need to attend games or that perhaps a deal could be made in which the people purchase tickets and then can get a free soda or popcorn or something to that effect from the concession stand. I will contact Lisa and Kevin to try to get some more information. It was also mentioned that maybe getting the band involved in outdoor activities like that would bring more people to the outdoor events and help raise money at the concession stand.

(5 min)

Next Meeting: November 7, 2007

Agenda Items: Recruiting New Members

Charging for outdoor events

Update on Student Incentives