

# **SIAC Meeting**

## **School Improvement Advisory Committee**

### **November 7, 2012**

#### **6:30pm – 8:00pm @ Middle School Art Room**

### **Minutes**

- District good news/highlights (6:30-6:40)
  - Building and district reports
    - Assure Center increasing numbers so have hired an additional part-time teacher
    - WHS changed to 9-12, 1:1 computers, increased attendance
    - WMS first dance for grades 6-8, veterans day assembly, aviation camp, 1<sup>st</sup> round of SMI and SRI, Work Place Connection class visits
    - WEA turkey dinner
    - Lincoln Iowa Assessments, Parent-teacher conferences, Joe Pisarik-new Lego League coach
    - Stewart increase parent engagement, 1<sup>st</sup> Parent teacher conferences 89%, changed parent organization meeting time and had increased involvement up by 10-15
    - 31 adults are volunteering in the building through volunteer program.
    - District enrollment has increased, Kirkwood Academy should be open Fall 2014, double alternative school capacity and will have approx. 11 academies and will share with surrounding districts.
  
- Valedictorian/Salutatorian discussion (6:40-7:20)
  - A recommendation may not be made at this meeting if further discussion is needed
    - Took group temp: 77, 80.1, 60.83, 73.6, 64 = 71.1 (average) with 32 = not a concern, 100 = great concern)
    - Questions to explore:
      - Recognize honor students differently

- Recognizing by different categories (range)
  - Additional requirement for students to compete for the valedictorian and salutatorian
  - Can college classes be weighted
  - Drop or pass/fail classes?
  - Gather input from parents and students
  - Effect on scholarship with title vs. rank
  - How many students fall in different ranges
  - Compare with other schools
  - What would timeline be to phase in
  - Is this a school size issue?
  - How would tiebreaker be handled
  - Assure Center students ranked w/ WHS
  - Lose the title but keep class rank
- School Resource Officer (7:20-7:50)
    - A recommendation may not be made at this meeting if further discussion is needed
      - Took group temp: 82.4, 27, 82, 77.5, 44 = 62 (average) with 32 = no we don't need police on our campuses, don't like what that portrays, 100 = safety issues are critical and having a regular police presence in our schools is needed)
      - Questions to explore:
        - Can we justify price tag of SRO vs. additional teachers and/or support staff
        - Immediacy of police officers serving 4 buildings vs. 1 person serving 4 buildings
        - Well defined job description
        - Best interest to have police officers come in and do outreach program with or without program
        - Where would the \$ come from
        - What effect would CPI training have on this position
        - How would we determined where housed
        - More information needed on time lost
        - What relief would this give to administrators

- Analysis of calls in the past and do current discipline policies
  - Perception of having SRO in building
  - How often would we have access to drug dog
  - Police presence before and after school presently is that enough
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- Final Questions (7:50-8:00)
  - Next meeting: December 10, 2012 @ Lincoln Media Center
  - Focus reviewing district logo and follow-up with Valedictorian/Salutatorian discussion and School Resource Officer Discussion