

SIAC Meeting Minutes

School Improvement Advisory Committee

April 23, 2019

6:30 pm @ Stewart Media Center

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- Welcome- Mr. Stone **6:30-6:35**
 - Building and District good news and updates
 - [Building updates](#)

- ICAP presentation by High School Counselors **6:35-6:45**

ICAP- Individual Career and academic plan- 9-12- personal and career interests- Kuder- resume, ACT reports, assessments, can research careers. 379 students completed- graduate requirement. Top interest and skills- Education, Government and public administration, Human Services, Law, Public Safety. Financial literacy- required for graduation

 1. [Data](#) trends update - Principals **6:45-6:55**
 2. **Topics requested by the group** **6:55-7:25**

Block scheduling-

- i. Create a schedule that allows kids to take core classes all year long
 1. Length of time between core classes
 - a. ACTs
 - b. Math 1st/2nd term 1 year then not again until 3rd/4th term the following year
- ii. Is 85/90 minutes too long? (attention span)
- iii. Lots of positives and lots of negatives
- iv. Works well with OJT & Kirkwood
- v. Students seem to like it.
- vi. Finals schedule
- vii. Can be more college ready
 1. Some are shorter than a block
 2. College courses do not allow work time in class, this prepares for college courses?
 3. Not studying
- viii. Homework completion if more classes added
- ix. Kirkwood schedule

College Prep Activities prior to Senior year- Job Shadow

1. What HS does:

- a. Iowa College Access Network
 - i. 9th Freshman transition Prezi
 - ii. 10th Career and College Readiness Prezi
 - iii. 11th Career and college scholarships prezi/FAFSA
 - b. 8th Financial Literacy Fair
 - c. 8th STEM Tours at Kirkwood
 - d. 10th Career Academy and Career Prezi at Kirkwood
 - e. 8th-12th KUDER Navigator
 - f. 9th-12th Career Pathways Elective class
 - g. 10th - 12th On th job Training
 - h. 9th-12th Career Internships
 - i. 9th - 12th Job Skills Development class
 - j. 8th - Junior Achievement
 - k. 11th March College Fair
 - l. 12th FAFSA (ICAN)
 - m. 12th Parent meeting w/ counselors and parent nights
 - n. 12th Financial Literacy - Personal Finance Class
 - o. 12th Returning graduates panel
2. **Every student completes a job shadow
 3. *Should job prep be a part of this - vocations
 4. **2 graduation tracks?
 - a. College
 - b. Career/Vocational
 5. **Multiple opportunities to explore careers
 6. *Not just college but all after graduation tracks
 7. *Explore online opportunities
 8. *Career Fair
 9. *Learning supports - How to study - study skills

Course offerings, AP course offerings at the HS or more electives at the HS, More challenging classes for HS students

1. AP classes help with scholarships and college rigor
2. AP Lit - currently
3. AP vs. Concurrent?
 - a. AP
 - i. Rigorous classwork
 - ii. Must take exam to earn college credit - costs \$80 for test. If you earn 3 out of 5/6 = college credit.
 - iii. No requirement to take AP class
 - iv. You get HS credit for it
 - b. Concurrent
 - i. Through Kirkwood other community colleges or universities
 - ii. Earn college credit for classes in any area
 - iii. Get HS and college credit free

- iv. Kirkwood Regional Center offers- Academy classes - nursing, manufacturing/welding, Auto Tech and Collision, IT, Graphics, Business, EMT, Hospitality
- 4. More challenging class = more challenging curriculum in current classes?
- 5. Dual credit courses taught at the high school
- 6. Vocational offerings at high school
- 7. Kirkwood often replaces students taking electives
- 8. Correlation between ACT test score and if you take AP vs. Kirkwood
- 9. What percent take Kirkwood classes?

Kirkwood, OJT, job shadows, mentorships, etc. It is important for 9th and 10th graders to have leaders in the building (11th and 12th graders)

- 1. Kirkwood takes a lot of Jr/Sr students - some never are seen in the building unless during an extra-curricular
- 2. Different high school experience for all
- 3. Great to have post-secondary as well
- 4. Do course offerings provide cross-grade level interactions - yes
- 5. Seniors better prepared for college with a more college-like schedule for seniors.
- 6. Forward-thinking - amount of credits allowing for college double majors.
- 7. Job shadows for ALL students who are not college bound may be beneficial
 - a. *May help narrow down what students want to do
 - b. *Can everyone be required to take?
- 8. Bring people in to talk about careers > career fair!
 - a. Career Pathways course
 - b. Junior Achievement
- 9. High school is for high school college is for college
- 10. Nice to have leaders in the buildings
- 11. More kids in the classroom (good thing)
- 12. Nice to know percentage of kids at Kirkwood in each grade level.

More resources available for ELP students

- 1. Evenly distributed resources between Middle School and High School
- 2. More differentiation in general education classrooms for higher kids in Middle and High School
- 3. ***Find every kids passion and them excel > enrichment period?
- 4. How many are in ELP in secondary approx. 20 per grade level
- 5. What resources are we wanting?
- 6. Growth mindset should be for all students
 - a. Career Pathways unit
- 7. Goal - reach all kids in every class and be challenged
- 8. Are online classes an option? Yes -Edgenuity, APEX next year
 - a. College level/college credit - yes - any time any where classes

- b. Do students know this is available
- 9. All kids are gifted in some way!
- 10. Need more ELP Time, especially in elementary
- 11. How are MS and HS students identified for ELP?

- Final Questions- Mr. Stone **7:25-7:30**
- Next meeting date- September ???, 6:30-7:30, Central Office