

Central Union High School
School Site Council

Minutes of November 5, 2012 in the CUHS Parent Center at 4:00pm

Present: Mike Sterner, Alicia Apodaca, Emilio Davila, Travis Fusi, Tricia Petter, Gary Tamayo, Daniel Edwards, Todd Evangelist, Sylvia Lemus, David Armenta, Danielle Bost.

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Todd Evangelist

Welcome

Mr. Evangelist began by explaining to all present the purpose of the SSC. The school receives categorical (special) funding. The SSC's basic purpose is to review school data and make suggestions/recommendations for ways to improve/ways to better utilize funds to assist students in need. SSC members should be familiar with the SPSA and should ask questions and point out issues as they arise or as they see them.

Student Activities

Report given by Tricia Petter and the students present

- Homecoming
- City Champs Game
- Bell Game Rally and Festival
- Fall sports over
- Winter sports start on Monday, November 12th
- Gym floor being resurfaced

Title I Parent Night

Attendance was a little better than last year. Approximately forty-five parents attended. Many of those parents even attended the break-out sessions (much improved from last year). SSC suggestions for improvement for next year

- Have the date pre-planned and in the registration packet
- Piggy back on another meeting
- Improve communication among staff members in charge of meetings at the beginning of the year (too many meetings, parents pick and choose the ones have the most impact on their student)

Parent Communication/Involvement

Follow up discussion on the alternative methods of communication that were discussed at the last meeting. Tricia Petter reported that the district staff is looking into a way for us to utilize a mass email capacity in one of the programs already utilized by the school. Mrs. Petter also reported that the leadership team listened to a presentation about Tele-Parent. Mr. Edwards stated that the program works well at Wilson. Teachers are able to email homes about upcoming assignments and tests, etc. There is a cost for these services and we are unsure at this time how much more that cost would be when compared to the service we are currently using. Mr. Evangelist wrapped up this portion of the conversation by encouraging those in attendance and site staff to continue seeking options for improved communication.

The Parent Compact was reviewed by the SSC. The only changes that were suggested were that the 2.0 GPA requirement be added to the student section, change teachers to school, and correct the typo "form" to "from". A motion was made by Danielle Bost to approve the compact with these modifications. Mr. Sterner seconded the motion; unanimous passage.

Program Improvement

Mr. Sterner explained Program Improvement to the SSC. In order for a subgroup to be considered significant, there must be at least 100 students identified in that group. We have gone Year 2 in PI as a result of our AYP results (overall) and our API results (specifically with EL students). The Supplemental Educational Services Fair will be held on Wednesday, November 7th, at 6 PM in the MPR. Those students who qualify for the services were mailed home a letter about the fair and a dialer will go out to remind families.

Single Plan for Student Achievement

Goal 1 – Address academic needs of ALL students in Algebra 1 and close the achievement gap.

The intervention in place this year was discussed. Results about the effectiveness of this new implementation is hard to measure due to some grading policy changes. At semester, results will be analyzed to determine effectiveness and/or next steps.

Minimum Day Schedule

The district has been losing money through the subsidizing of the cafeteria. On a traditional minimum day, many students were not taking advantage of the school lunch for several reasons. Some of them claimed that they didn't have enough time as the buses would leave them behind. Some of them stated that there was a stigma attached to eating here rather than leaving campus for lunch with the other students. The district has implemented a new schedule for minimum days that includes a lunch. Therefore, the day has been extended a bit. Students attend 1, 2, 3, 6 periods, then go to lunch either 4th or 5th period, and conclude the day with 7th period. School is dismissed at 12:35 PM.

Other

Mr. Edwards asked the bathroom situation at school. He stated that his child has told him that the bathrooms are not supplied well and are locked at certain times of the day. Mr. Sterner stated that he would address the supply issue. He also stated that some of the bathrooms are locked during lunch for security purposes. Mr. Edwards also stated that the bleachers for the City Championship game were dirty. Mr. Sterner stated that we are short-staffed right now.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:25.

Next Meeting:

Monday, December 3rd, 4 PM, in the Parent Center