

SIT Minutes
2/2/09

Present: Rob Bates, Janice Cumberland, Jake Pappas, Ruvini DeFonseka, Vicki Bamford, Cathy Smith, Tara Rigby, Lynn Dean, Andrea Tribelhorn, Scott Torvik, Nate Anderson, Andrea Delorey, Dierdre Cook

Absent: Bill Wright, Trish Stanczyk, Joe Anastasia, Suzanne Rice

Old Business:

Mid-year report – in teams of 3-4 members reviewed the progress that has been made on the 8 FRHS goals. Social studies reported on the day they had to review essential learning's and benchmarks of student progress as they align common assessments.

Essential Learning's – in teams of 3-4 members reviewed the discussions that departments have had in defining the essential learning's in each subject area. Math is skill based and building blocks must align for student success. Math also feels that it should not be textbook based but curriculum based. Text should serve as resources for students and parents. Choral music shows the impact that electives have on core classes and defines the need for the electives in support of core curriculum. Essential Learning's bolsters the 3 R's. Science is broad and not specific – great way to get the big picture for 21st century learning.

RtI – This was rolled out to staff on January 21st. As we move forward with the Federal Mandate FRHS will build our pyramid this spring. We hope to align student need with interventions and not just adopt what others are doing and overlay them on FRHS. RtI needs to be strategic and systematic and may require resources (time and money) to be allocated differently. Staff have read *Whatever It Takes* and we currently have 2 book study groups reading *Pyramid of Interventions*. This will be research based and requires parents and students to be partners with teachers in supporting student growth.

FRHS ranks 37th in the State; FCHS is 91th, RMHS is 63, and PHS is 50.

Dr. Wilson, Manny Ortega, Joe Cuddemi and Scott Neilson participated with Dr. Cook on the semester leadership discussion at all three sites. This was a great discussion and step forward in aligning the work of the feeder.

New Business:

Congrats to Scott DeVries – 2009 Excellence in Education Winner

Mill/Bond – what will we need as a site. We need to gather our needs and set priorities. Taking into account that the site will be 10 years old? What are the academic needs that both bond and mill issues can support. SIT members will email their input to Dr. Cook. We will hope for a meeting of stakeholders on 2/18 at 4:30 pm.

Add/drop – something didn't work well. Students should not be allowed to drop because they don't want to work hard, or did like a teacher. Changes should be academically driven and have parent approval – maybe a tattletale call home that your student has made a change and please check PIV.

Why are there no towels in the bathrooms – we are a green school. The air dryers are very loud.

What is the status of the Lady Moon intersection? Continual work with the City to ensure that safety of all.

Why do we not have math competition? Knowledge Bowl is our current academic club – as we grow we hope to include more math and science clubs.