

Department Head / LIT Meeting
Wenatchee High School
Room 551
March 14, 2016
4:00 p.m.

2015-2016 LIT Goal

Close achievement gap in Math, Science, and ELA between low income and all students by 5% on the state assessments by the end of the 2015-2016 school year through classroom engagement, positive relationships, and common academic language.

Attendance: Eric Anderson, Graham Stansbery, Susan Sears, Michelle Benner, Scott Benner, Mary Symonds, Brian Higgins, Todd Busse, Koni McLean, Robert Swardz, Molly Butler, Don Collins, Maureen Rix-McMahan, Kara Melton (for Penny Hedman), Dan Ellwood, Carrie Christensen, John Spencer, Brian Lee, Scott Feil, Ricardo Iniguez, Angela Prater, Danielle Schafer-Cloke, Marta Gonzalez, Michelle Mahoney-Holland, Will White

Absent: Ramon Rivera

Guest: Donna Moser

Minutes: February 2016 Minutes were reviewed. Mary Symonds moved; Angela Prater 2nd for approval. Motion approved.

LID Mondays

Discussion about upcoming LIT Mondays. LIT would like to commit to a time for team leaders to meet with their LIT groups for the 2016-2017 school year. Brian Higgins suggested 15 minutes at the beginning of each LIT Monday.

March 21st - 90 minutes

Time will be spent with 45 minutes to share and train the staff on the ELA and 45 minutes spent with LIT groups to discuss the two Admin Survey questions.

Spring State Testing

Donna Moser passed out a document with state testing information. She explained the impact to the building will be less than last year. Donna explained the tests, dates and who each test impacts.

Second Semester Finals Schedule

Bob Swardz, Brian Lee, Danielle Schafer-Cloke, and Todd Busse will work with Eric about successes and concerns with last year's finals schedule in preparation of this year's finals schedule.

Admin survey results

Eric sent an email with the results of the Admin Survey to all staff. The two survey questions of concern were:

- 1) I feel we have a positive school culture. This question had a staff rating of 3.9 out of 5.
- 2) In general, I believe our school is meeting the needs of our students This question had a staff rating of 3.8 out of 5.

These were the two areas that scored lower on the survey. These questions will be discussed in our LIT groups on March 21st LID Monday.

ASB changes for next year

Brent and Eric discussed recruiting students who are not overloaded in activities / academics / extracurricular to ASB. Eric stated that we don't have a real voice of the high school's student body. He would like to see the school go to a representative government. Discussion about an advisory period with homeroom representatives for next year.

8th Grade Parent Information Night

Ricardo Iniguez explained that 8th Grade Parent Information Night is scheduled for April 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Departments can have a table to answer parent questions after the meeting. Send names to Will White and Casie Orth if your department would like to participate. Parents will be informed of the departments that are attending so parents can ask specific subject questions to those departments.

iFrosh update

iFrosh grouping will be eliminated next year. iFrosh terminology is going away. Students are opting out of iFrosh because of courses they cannot take when they are in an iFrosh block. Intensified algebra and Core Success will stay the same. Link Crew, part of the Ignite curriculum, will be used to partner freshman with upperclassmen. There are two other options being looked at for 9th graders. One option includes a group of seventy-five 9th graders that are middle of the road and not engaged in school and want to do something different in a CTE/Technical Skill Center format. The other option is working on a potential program for fifty 9th grade students at Westside High School. These potential options would take effect in the fall.

Science portable

There is a science portable coming this summer. Wenatchee High School is a finalist for the Science/Stem grant through OSPI. This would mean a new building for some science classrooms.

Plagiarism software

Mary Symonds discussed plagiarism software. Turnitin.com. is the best software and can be used by all content areas. Eastmont High School and WVC use this software. The students run their papers through this software before they turn it in to the classroom teacher. It is \$8,000.00 per year for a site license. Mary talked with the representative about various ways to lower the cost. Eric said we can ask the district to support this and if they don't we can possibly run the cost through a LIT Funds Request for next year. It was recommended to have staff trainings on how to use the software and evaluate the software after the first year of use.

PBIS

Updates: The committee has just completed the school wide behavior matrix. Ricardo is going to discuss with Eric on how to kick this off for the 2016-2017 school year. The kick off will take place during Principal's Day. Classroom norms will stem from the school wide behavior matrix.

Hat Policy – update on recent change

New hat policy is working better with students. Discussion about hats being worn after spring break.

Absenteeism

Carrie asked about the email that staff received concerning the policies in place for student absences. Eric said this topic is on the agenda for the next principals meeting. Eric said he would share information from his meeting at our April Dept. Head /LIT meeting. John Spencer explained that this is a cultural issue and we need to educate the parents about absenteeism and how it affects student learning.

Parking

Parking passes will be handed out to staff this week and be effective beginning Monday, March 21st. He will remind students about not parking in the back parking lot on the bulletin announcements. He explained that the pass is smaller in size then what was originally planned and it may need to be cut to fit on the rearview mirror or it can be put on the dashboard.

LIT Funds Requests

Funds request from English to purchase tickets for Romeo and Juliet in the amount of \$1,400.00 (Class Size/Student Mix). Todd Busse moved; Brian Higgins 2nd. Motion Approved.

Funds request from Chris Ferrians and Anne Stewart for student transportation and substitute costs for Wenatchee Valley College tour in the amount of \$216.90 (Ad Match). Brian Higgins moved; Scott Benner 2nd. Motion Approved.

Funds request from English to purchase 50 copies of *War of the Worlds* book to add to the 9th Grade Battle of the Books in the amount of \$483.84 (Class Size/Student Mix). Brian Higgins moved; Koni McLean 2nd. Motion Approved.

Funds request from Chris Cloke for round trip shuttle ride to the airport for 17 students for the Greece and Italy tour in the amount of \$1,530.00 (Ad Match). Koni McLean moved; Todd Busse 2nd. Motion failed.

Brian Higgins motion; Koni McLean 2nd to adjourn.