

Academic Choice Advisory Council Minutes for 9/15/06 Meeting

Present: Amy Frey, Pascuale Scuderi, Alejandro Ramos, Matt Carton, David Bye, Corey Nakamoto (counselor representative), Kaitlin Morrisey, Amelia Starr, Jessie Seaton, Jane Wise, Janet Delaney, Chris Gilbert, Scott Lancaster, Karen Meryash.

Next Meeting : October 6th, 7:15 am.

Team Leader and Admin. responsibilities:

-Sherene Randle will assist Matt with the new Professional Development.

-Freshman teachers have already done reading and writing diagnostic assessments. (Madalyn Theodore has 12 students at 6th grade reading level and below).

-Matt will answer e-mails from parents.

There was discussion about whether to distribute the copies of the Freshman Writing Handbook that we have. Some think it's ok, some teachers think it is not well written.

-Corey Nakamoto will be our counselor representative and will attend the ACAC meetings.

_Alejandro will be providing 9th grade support in the area of discipline and working with students who any of these issues. Amy and all have developed a flow chart for discipline that she will get out to us soon.

The importance of keeping parents informed is crucial so they don't come to meetings with no prior knowledge of any problems. Amy has gone over the referral process with the new teachers.

-For academic Intervention-the counselors will stay informed and bought in when necessary. Karen Meryash and the support team should be bought in as soon as there is a problem identified. Karen should be linked with the counselors.

-But it is crucial to know who is supposed to identify the students who are having problems?

-We would like Diane Colborn (Spec Ed) to be more a part of our group-
invite her to the retreat?

-David would like to work on offering the Senior Project to his class. He would personally take on writing a letter for those students to be included in their college applications.

-We are still awaiting word on the UC approval for our courses.

Homework Site

-Matt will send out an e-mail about it.

-October 9th is an inservice day for the homework site.

Student Leadership

-Kaitlin and Amelia had a leadership and mentoring meeting. They want to have rules for mentors this year so that they will commit to staying for the year. They need more volunteers and thought they could put up a poster.

The students would like to have more fundraising events this year and a dance in December, a Karioke night, bake sales, etc.

Student Support

-Karen Meryash spoke about the proposed joint funding of Scott Wilson's math tutorial by AC with help from the Development Group for the 2nd semester hopefully.

-Sally Silva is the new Academic Pathways coordinator. She will work MTW 10:30-5:30. She will identify students who need tutoring help and refer them to Scott Wilson. Sally will need a classroom to work with students in.

-The Student Learning Center is hiring specialists in AP Bio, AP Stat., and Math Analysis this year.

-We could do another Classroom Matters presentation this semester.