

University High School Keystone Council Meeting

July 10, 2009

1:00 pm, Library Conference Room

In attendance: Kim Rojas, Janeice Ives, Andy Davis, Brian Conant, Shyla Anderson, Tom Holbrook, Diane Walker, Michelle Panizzi, Dixie Lewis, Mark Feaster, Jeff Hill, (2009-2010 Council)

Absent: Steve Wilder

Approval of (month) Minutes: Brian Conant motioned to approve the minutes.
Diane Walker seconded.

I. Informational Items

Kim started meeting at 1pm. Keystone survey results and end of the year reports.

Should we communicate more even if it doesn't have to do with policy? Faculty need to know before hand so they can be aware and contribute to the agenda.

Could committee chairs send out agenda's so faculty could attend if they wish?

Could we post Keystone members in the copy room?

Could Senate be actively involved in the improvement of citizenship around the school?

Should the Phase program come back?

Phase was a very negative experience for faculty. It could be a goal for a subcommittee to investigate a possibility.

Could there be data about how faculty are working into their daily lessons and plans citizenship in the school?

Every sub-committee needs to investigate how to implement a strategy.

Could there be a year long program that students do that is a community service project? This could be part of the citizenship piece of school culture?

Pose to the sub-committees that they need to brainstorm ways that they can address issues of citizenship.

We need to define citizenship. We can emphasize it as theme and let committees come up with ideas about how it will impact their areas.

Is faculty interested in having a lounge or their offices redone? What is the call for a new lounge?

Is there a sub-committee that could work on the lounge issue? We need to do a survey with more specific questions about a lounge? How about an open forum at the opening faculty meetings?

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A. Co-Curricular –

B. Clinical Experiences –

C. Personnel – Core expectations tied to evaluations

D. School Development – School development is looking into what is being taught at what grades (by dept). Common assessments for multiple sections taught by different teachers. Common objectives but not necessarily using the same scoring rubrics.

E. Parent/School Relations –

F. Shared Governance –

G. Student Conduct – Students do get to make up missing work when suspended. This needs to be communicated to the faculty.

H. School Safety –

I. Diversity – established but no faculty have been assigned yet.

Leadership Minutes:

Citizenship issues.

Look into sending to School Relations committee the possibility of giving some parent training on skyward.

The goal of open house should be teachers tell parents what they can do to help kids be successful in their class.

Essential curriculum discussion. Do we want the School Development committee looking into this? Essential quality of a UHigh graduate has not gotten off the ground very well. Should departments be working on this? The School Development committee needs to coordinate what they want the depts. to do. Discussion between depts. Needs to occur.

Jeff suggested that there should be 10 or so goals that each student should be able to achieve before they leave UHigh. Also there should be assessments for each goal over the course of the 4 years students are here.

Is this a realistic goal for the school development committee? These new 10-12 goals would replace the essential qualities of a UHigh student.

There was a policy at one time where seniors were paired with a freshman to be kind of a big brother big sister. This kind of thing could come down the road after we've built the citizen component into school culture.

Clinical Experience Committee needs to continue to work on better communicating with ISU instructors.

Mentors? New teachers usually find a teacher that is a good mentoring fit but it is not assigned.

We will add Citizenship to each committee. Have committees look at the survey results and have them brainstorm ways to implement citizenship into the school.

Meetings will be the 1st wed. at 1p. First meeting will be sept. 2.

Executive meeting will be the week before (Wednesdays at 3).

II. Other Information or Reports:

III. Discussion Items:

IV. Action items:

Move to Adjourn: Diane Walker made a motion to adjourn. Dixie Lewis seconded.

The next Keystone meeting: Wed. Sept 2. 1pm.

Submitted by:

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