

School Development Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 30, 2010

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1. Identify main goals for the year:
 - a. Look at common assessment in math and English linked to the common core standards.
 - b. Work to develop these common assessments and then move forward with the providing assistance to students after areas of need are determined
 - c. Be aware of policy implications for departments.

2. The need to address assessment
 - a. Part of our mission as a lab school is to look at information for students systematically
 - b. Assessments that provide more frequent feedback
 - c. Allows us to examine individual student progress
 - d. Allows for curriculum reflection
 - e. Allows for intervention to aid student success

3. What would the assessments look like
 - a. Is multiple choice appropriate ?
 - b. The common assessments could be done at some regular interval in order to provide feedback.

 - c. Could common assignments and tests be examined to determine standards that are being assessed and then provide some feedback?

4. Initial Recommendations to begin the process
 - a. Math and English will meet regularly to generate common assessments
 - b. Determine where standards are currently taught
 - c. Initially focus on common courses in order to begin work to see how students are meeting standards in these classes.
 - d. Math and English Departments will meet and begin to look at current assessments given, align them to the standards, and then share the results if the students are meeting the standards or not.
 - e. Make a list of expectations to get accomplished as a department.