

October 11, 2016

Whiteaker Middle School Site Council Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

- Introductions were made to welcome new and returning members. Members of the Site Council were given notebooks containing By-Laws, CSIP plans, and a Cornell Notetaking format. The Cornell Notetaking strategy was briefly introduced as a strategy being used in our classrooms to promote AVID school wide.
- By-Laws and norms were reviewed and adopted effective 10.11.16.

Elective PLC Presentation:

- *One of the Whiteaker Elective teachers, Ms. Sweeney, gave a presentation about how elective teachers are teaching key functioning skills including organizational strategies and school planner use in their classrooms.*

School wide Improvement Activity:

- A Comprehensive School Wide Improvement Plan (CSIP) template was distributed to members. They were asked to brainstorm ways in which Site Council could contribute to the Plan in the areas of *improving student achievement* and *increasing family involvement*.
- Ideas included the following:
 - Having fundraisers such as walk-a-thons, carnivals, raffles to raise monies for needed items at school such as a new reader board.
 - Beginning a Drama Club to reach many students who are not involved with sports.
 - Supporting Cultural Nights to celebrate our diversity.
 - Expand the Academic Night to include grades 7 and 8.
 - Improve parent/teacher, and all school communication by using resources such as Synergy.
 - Using Email Blasts to inform parents of current content specific programs students are using so parents can support them at home. (ie. Cornell Notes, Moby Max, INB's, etc.)
 - Encouraging teachers to update grades and syllabi as needed.
 - Staying ahead of Site Council sponsored events to encourage more parental and community involvement. Our communities must know what we are doing and how to participate to be more involved.
 - Hands across the Parking Lot to facilitate working together with feeder elementary schools.

- Continue to provide ongoing activities for our students, parents and communities that foster positive and productive outcomes for all.

Next Meeting:

- *November 8, 2016-Room 103*
- *Items will include committing to Site Council sponsored items as call to action.*