

ACADEMICS

Questions

Comments

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I know one on one computer is questioned. Do we look at providing for only those who don't have their own.

If the majority of PD time will be spent on curriculum mapping, when will teachers be completing PD in other areas?

The middle school concept is wonderful! My son has benefitted from it.

Enough attention to college alternatives?

How do we as a district show off more of these strategies to the community?

Great presentation! Well done.

What will the PD look like for the teachers?

Global Scholar? Posted on website and info for parents and students. Can you define how a student qualifies for this? Can it be posted clearly on the website?

Future Ready PA Index
"less focus on standardized scores" Will these scores still be evident? Academics should always be priority #1.

Are Riverview JSHS students required to complete an online course to graduate? My sister, who teaches in Florida, said this is a requirement because so many college programs are offered online

Do you ever do "Open Houses" or field trips to trade organizations (ie: carpentry, electrical, plumbing, iron workers)?

Innovative writing strategies for 7-12 feel this is critical and that honors program should be more rigorous

Would encourage continued and varied enhancements to the existing program. Need more challenging writing and literature options at the JSHS. Good writing is becoming harder and harder to find.

Goal was to increase SPP numbers – The sub-committee needs to provide some quantitative results. Yes tests change year to year but there are reports of performance relative to other schools. Also details on middle school years. Be more quantitative!

Go back and add item on degree of success on strategic goal

SUSTAINABILITY AND FINANCE

Questions

Sustainability – How will PD be implemented? Are there enough PD hours/days to realistically implement?

Comments

Can we start a lobbying campaign to change school funding as part of “sustainability” goals.

What types of fundraising is done or could be done?

Parents here want to help maintain what we have. If we cannot raise taxes, fundraising/donations could be a great alternative.

CUSTOMIZED LEARNING

Questions

Cyber School goal?

Is the use of material on computer to supplement teacher classroom activity helpful?

Comments

Report is that ideas in SP are working well, but can you show any quantitative measures to support the descriptive commentary

We really need to see some "measures of effectiveness" Something sound

Do we look for different platforms? We looked at WIU program? Is it less expensive?

Online serve grad requirement

Orientation including work space

Fee – most parents would and can pay for online

Online learning course as graduation requirement?

Blended?

"Learning Strategies" intros

Orientation - Parent support at home work space

Contract issues?

Ideas for "required" online course completion for graduation

Also strategies for online learning, setting up a home work space, etc. Committee participants mentioned classes through Education Management and Lincoln Learning Solutions

A course that works students through online learning navigation as well as skills in webpage creation, publishing, creating online presentations, needs of digital literacy

SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Ready, Respectful, Responsible should be pushed more as a take home message as well. How can the students have exercises sent home with online courses? Is that the responsibility of the District? Tax Payer.

Is there a mechanism within the website to submit screenshots?

Bullying reporting on website is a great idea.

Guidance at Verner has done a great job over past 2 years with Verner Voices, life skills for 6th grade.

Could the students from SADD do presentations for elementary?

There is a program "Mark" that parents can buy WIU work with it.

Need for self-defense for teachers and students?

Online parent education re bullying

Internet safety night?

Email blast? Twitter weekly?

Mr. Rowe has routinely provided self-defense training for moms around the holidays. Just thought that might be helpful to all. Not arming teachers with weapons, but simply being able to subdue an opponent, if necessary, until the authorities arrive.

I would volunteer to help update the site to make it easier for people to report and comment about bullying (Hunter Daley)

I think there is a need for teacher/staff training ie: First Aid training, Alice I & II training, CPR training, AED training, IMPAX training. These along with other types of safety training will help the staff and community feel better that we are doing what we can to keep kids safe.

Is it a good practice to have students be aware of all safety protocols? Example a colleague works in a school where students don't know certain "code words" in case there is an issue with a student.

Should instances of bullying be shared between buildings? For example, incident at elementary shared with JSBS – develop awareness of trends, topics, issues about bullying, help all teachers stay informed of types of bullying to look for.

SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Can the teachers have a short training on the “See Something Say Something” process and protocol?
Once we are more comfortable with the process, we can share and spread the word of this layer of safety.

Are parents a help in improving a child’s behavior? Or are they resistant and defensive for their child?

Comments

People are ambivalent about anti-bullying programs. Maybe because parents are not sure if they are having any positive effect. There needs to be an analytical assessment of anti-bullying programs.

Are bullying incidents diminished? (quantify)

Do staff see reduction in disrespectful behavior?

What about parent comments?

EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES

Questions

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STEM labs for elementary?

Maybe a mobile lab?

What's the results on the "scaffolding" bullet items?

Is elementary too late for foreign language?

"STEAMing Ahead" is clearly in fashion in education, but what evidence do we have that it is better preparing our students. Is it worth the time and cost?

Does foreign language at elementary mean additional staff?

Great ideas to expand STEAM and opportunities for providing new experiences for students and teachers.

We have friends who live in Morgantown, WV, and have 2 children. Their kids have been learning Chinese (since kindergarten) in the public school. Maybe there is a way to partner with a local technology company (Duolingo) to offer this as an elective after school. I believe Morgantown is in a "technology Corridor" hence the choice of Chinese.

MARKETING

Questions

Comments

Do we advertise in other communities?

How will you be involving the boroughs in marketing the communities?

“My Raider Story” videos

Do we have a Raider mascot for sporting events and other activities?

Map on the website to show location to look like a pirate map

Can we fly a Raider flag at each school?

Raider Country signs

Can we get elementary schools to give up their mascots? I say yes. Worse case let the Raider have a pet bulldog and pet tiger

Everyone is a Raider even elementary. Push Raiders and use mascot in things we do/use.

Look at what other school districts who have positive reputations are doing.

How can we make the “top schools” list in the area.

What exactly are families looking for?