

Site Based Management Committee  
February 22, 2016

**Present:**

Admin: James Murray  
PTA: Sharon Becker, Elissa Friedman, Karen Greiss, Maria Gustafson, Ronni Leo  
Student Govt: Bryan Safer, Vice-President-Class of 2016; Tara Stark, President Class of 2017; Ryan Sandler, Vice-President-Class of 2018; Jack Rothman, President Class of 2019; Jason Kimmel, President Student Government Executive Board  
Clerical: Patricia Owens  
Teachers: Vanessa Jackson, Scott Lieberman, Denise Siele  
Custodial: Barry Baylis

Mr. Murray welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The 1/25/16 meeting was cancelled to allow staff and faculty to catch up following the Friday 1/22/16 snow day.

Freshmen – Jack Rothman reported that the freshman focus has been primarily on Battle. The Freshman Class placed last but now that they have an understanding of the event they have high hopes for next year.

Sophomores – Ryan Sandler reported that Battle was lots of fun. The number of t-shirts that were sold exceeded the number of sophomores that participated. Sophomore participation was less than great but the class is hopeful that next year will be better. Focus will now shift to fundraising (long sleeve t-shirts and hot chocolate sales) to support a Cam Jam event next school year. Interest in a Cam Jam event is high and the sophomores will be proactive in securing a date for their event on this coming school year's calendar.

Juniors – Battle turned out well and the overall energy of the event was very positive. The juniors also reported than the number of t-shirts sold exceeded the number of juniors that participated in the event. The class reported that the students had received more information about the event than they had in the past. The juniors will now direct their focus on the Junior Gala. The event's theme will be Mardi Gras. Table covers and decorations for the Junior Gala have been received. Lanyard and q-zip (quarter zip) fundraising will continue, the juniors will be selling at Plainview Idol as well. The juniors have booked the Floral Terrance for their Senior Prom.

Seniors – Battle participation was at an all-time high, the senior stands were packed. The seniors also reported that the number of t-shirts sold exceeded the number of seniors that participated in Battle. The Human Hungry Hippo, Food Eating, and Free Style Dance contests were all fun. Vios account of Battle was inaccurate – Vios said that students didn't attend in protest of not having a winter break. The seniors suggested that the event start earlier (at the end of 9<sup>th</sup>) so that it can end earlier. The seniors will also be selling t-shirts at POB Idol. Ticket sales for POB Idol began today, the event is being promoted to encourage all seniors to attend. Senior superlatives will be announced and winners will receive t-shirts. The seniors are having a canned food drive that will be delivered to William Floyd food bank this coming Friday, 2/26.

Mr. Murray noted that Battle was well-organized and demonstrated good leadership.

One of the PTA parents noted that participation might have been better had more information about Battle been made available to freshmen.

Mr. Murray reported that the high school will be using Island Photography, not Life Touch, for student id photos, portrait packages and senior portraits. Island Photography is asking if the class of 2017 wants the boys to take their senior portraits in tuxedos (that they will supply). The junior class will discuss and report back to Mrs. Lasher.

Mr. Murray then began the discussion of a 9 period day. Model #1 would have a 0 period and a 7:10 a.m. start each day. Every other day classes would meet during periods 0 and 9 (one day would be instruction, the other day would be remedial. Teachers that are assigned to period 0 would not work period 9. Teachers assigned to period 9 would not work

period 0. Once the K-Center closes transportation resources should be available to have buses before Period 0, before Period 1, after Period 8, after Period 9 and a late bus. If this model is used, the bell schedules in other district schools would have to be adjusted.

Model #2 (was developed by two teachers and is the more likely model to be adopted) would be a 9 period instructional day with 10<sup>th</sup> period remedial and professional meetings. Periods would be reduced from 42 minutes to 40 minutes and passing time would be decreased from 4 minutes to 3 minutes. Remedial would be available Monday through Thursday during period 10 (1:51 p.m. – 2:31 p.m.). Friday would be a shorter day ending at the end of 9<sup>th</sup> period (there will be no 10<sup>th</sup> period on Fridays). School would begin at 7:27 a.m. Sports will begin at 3:15 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and can begin at 1:51 p.m. on Fridays. Clubs will meet 11<sup>th</sup> period 2:31 p.m. – 3:11 p.m. Mr. Murray has requested that an additional lunch period be added to the day for this scenario. Teacher availability for remedial will be posted.

Scavenger Hunt – Mr. Murray reported that he has given up his parking space for four weeks (one week to each class). He thought it was great fun having the students work to convince him to give up his space.

One of the PTA parent representatives voiced a concern regarding reduced passing time. Mr. Murray said he is confident that the reduced passing time will not be an issue. One of Mr. Murray's primary concerns is that teachers have enough time for a bathroom break between periods. Another of Mr. Murray's concern is instruction time for rigorous classes such as AP's. The Pledge will still be recited, however, announcements will not be made – they will be sent home electronically the night before.

Justin Kimmel asked what the biggest advantage to having a 9 period day would be. Mr. Murray and Ms. Siele explained that special education students would have the ability to take an elective where they wouldn't normally have room in their schedule due to required labs and required courses. Any student who takes a 9 period day will now have time for extra help because there will be no 10<sup>th</sup> period instruction.

Mr. Murray will be making a Board of Education presentation next Monday night, 2/29/16. Mr. Murray asked that any committee member with questions about the 9<sup>th</sup> period day can contact him directly. He will be preparing a question and answer sheet for his 2/29/15 presentation and would welcome input from this committee.

The Board of Education will vote on the 9 Period Day on Monday, March 21, 2016.

The next Site Based Meeting will be on March 21, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Submitted by,  
Patricia Owens