

Churchill Site Council October 3, 2012

Present: Amy Duncan, Lodi Soderholm, Mike Sterling, Julia Campbell, Janell Schoellhorn
Julie Butler, Noah Glusman, Justine Enes, Erin Crews, Londa Rochholz, Kim Finch, Morgan
Christensen

Parent Report

Questions: homework load concern about five periods per day; some kids are stressed out over the amount of homework;

Why aren't class sizes smaller?

Possible solutions from the math department and others: Lodi shared that she will go to her department and talk about it.

Amy shared from a long and in-depth discussion at Curriculum Council. Teachers are making adjustments on the assignments given; we believe that things will level out. The message was that the Curriculum Council rep will talk with the teachers in his/her department. There was a convergence of circumstances at the beginning of this new schedule that we can continue to address. IHS is still on the semester for this year. For IB students, the cadence is difficult since the other IB classes (science, world language, math) are meeting on a different schedule than previously. We did some problem solving around the IHS schedule and the Churchill schedule.

Is this across the board or is it in isolated areas? Departments are asking each other what kind of homework and how much homework are you giving? Are there ways to have it to turn in in two or three days instead of "tomorrow?" It will be a major discussion at department meetings on October 10th. We will ask Curriculum Council Reps to send out minutes to everyone. Amy D. brought up the difference in our start date and the start date

Students are much more focussed than Noah has ever seen in the five years he has been there.

Hallways are completely different. Amy A said 80-90% of students she talks to like the new schedule. We are going to look at how many students have four classes; how many have five classes; etc. There are a lot of positives that allow the schedule to meet the needs of the students.

Data Review--

Our data shows growth in all areas. We were the only high school that showed growth. We handed a summary of the data and will review it at subsequent meetings.

Gap Analysis

What are we doing well and where do we need to add to our School Improvement Plan? Where have we not focussed that we need to add to the plan?

HOMEWORK: Share the results of today's homework discussion and share it with your colleagues. Also, please share the results of today's activities with your constituent groups.

Bring ideas for what goals and objective we might need to add to our SIP to address the district goals in the data area.

November 7--Lodi Soderholm is in charge of snacks and notes at next meeting.

Keep calm and carry on!