



Winthrop Middle School
School Site Council Meeting II

October 25, 2016

Welcome – Present: Administration: Mr. Curley, Principal; Teachers: Stephanie Pietel, Brynn Durkee; Daniela Foley; Theresa Dankner; Chris Beckvold; Dani Foley; Coní Moore MS-HS teacher liaison; Parents: Debbie Chavis, Lesley Lawton; Christine Snow; Community Representative: Karin Chavis

Meeting called to order: 3:15 pm

Agenda 10/25/16
3:15 – 4:15

- 3:15 Review of PNA Assessment (CASA)
*Shows the need of SIP Goal #4
- 3:45 Finalize SIP Goals
1. To effectively and efficiently transition to the new Massachusetts Science Frameworks.
 2. To enhance instruction in the mathematics classroom
 3. Use of technology to increase student engagement & enhance instruction.
 4. *Improve the social/emotional learning experience for all students.
- 4:00 Create committees to design/write each goal

I. New Business:

- ✚ Review of PNA Assessment (CASA) Grouped viewed data and question types
- ✚ Shows the need of SIP Goal #4
- ✚ CASA survey
- ✚ Surveyed: 6th grade students, 26; 7th grade students, 148; 8th grade students, 132; 9th grade students, 134; 10th grade students, 96
- ✚ Drugs and Alcohol prevention, DFC Funding has allowed for focus in this are



- ✦ CASA has worked collaboratively with other agencies
- ✦ **Examples of the types of questions that were on the Survey:**
- ✦ 1 to 14 times touching alcohol in life time
- ✦ In the past 30 days
- ✦ Other questions about current marijuana use
- ✦ Before the age of 13 use of alcohol and marijuana
- ✦ Shannon Funding allows for work on gang prevention and as a result gang involvement is down
- ✦ Physical fights at WHS → inside or outside of school
- ✦ Bullying on school property or Cyber bullying
- ✦ Unwanted or forced sex → 12th grade high, low 8th
- ✦ Sexual behavior and gender expression
- ✦ We have data from 8th – 12th grade
- ✦ According to the survey 47% of students who had had sex did so before the age of 15
- ✦ By 12th grade 47% have had sexual intercourse
- ✦ Sexual Minorities → transgender not heterosexual
- ✦ There were also questions about sex and alcohol and drug use
- ✦ Sex and protection
- ✦ Mental health issues
- ✦ Great concern to all of CASA Board and staf



- ✚ Youth Advisory board
- ✚ Suicide Attempt made a plan suicide ideation sad and hopeless for at least 2 weeks
- ✚ Adjustment councilors at schools
- ✚ Question about HS students who seriously considered suicide
- ✚ The acronym CASA = Community Action for Safe Alternatives

✚ **School Improvement Plan Goals**

1. To effectively and efficiently transition to the new MA Science Framework
2. To enhance instruction in mathematics classroom (Looney Consultants Centers and project-based learning; assignment choices)
3. Use of technology to increase student engagement and enhance instruction
4. Improve the social/emotional learning experience for all students

Action Step: Brain storm some things what we can do to improve our topic

Additional Concerns:

- gmail acct. not active for students; setting set up can only use within WPS
- Cafeteria space tight especially for 8th grade (larger class and bigger kids); occupancy of 181; 12 seat, 8 seat; and 10 seat tables
- Gym shared, can use the alt PE room

Next meeting, Tuesday, November 22nd

Meeting Adjourned 4:15 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: *Coni Moore*



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