

SAC Meeting Notes – 1/28/25

Welcome provided. PAC Chairperson only mentioned being pleased with the revised grading policy.

Delores mentioned there is a new survey company and process for CIP. We will have to come up with an internal plan.

Are we using Advisory in a positive way and are we improving communication with parents?

We will try to figure out what exactly parents think we are lacking in terms of communication.

It was suggested that there is a remaining issue with School Status. Sometimes it goes to the parents' junk folder.

Some parents have turned off School Status.

Not all teachers send emails regarding seeing improvement in skills.

It was mentioned that parents differ on their preferred form of communication.

Are we communicating what is happening after school in a timely fashion? Mrs. Marsh stated she feels the school does indeed do so. However, not all sports use the same platform.

Discussion of the different apps and one- vs. two-way communication. The only official form of communication is our Facebook page and our Instagram page. May need to streamline this issue. This issue can be part of the survey.

Next month is the middle of the year CIP review.

Budget Update – We are doing well. Staff have been frugal with their budgets. Need to look at where we are as the year progresses. Ordered a few chairs for the main office to spruce up our brand. Delores did meet with the budget analyst when additional sections were needed. This is why we couldn't hire a new assistant principal. Instead we have ROP ones to fill the gap. The goal is for admin to do more observations, etc. We will advertise in March for the new assistant principal.

Budget plan for next year – We should get a sense of the budget in February.

Enrollment could be around 1875. That is before specialty program decisions. We still are a desired county. No clear idea if boundaries are being reconsidered.

Feb 5 school board meeting is when Dr. McDade will present the budget.

Hope to provide this group with numbers at the March meeting.

Counseling update:

We had the curriculum fair today. Mention that we are offering some new courses next year including Game Design. There are some other changes in CASITT and Forensics. Academic middle school advising has begun. On Feb 11 course selection begins here. We are now inputting teacher course recommendations. In April teachers revisit course recommendations with a May deadline. Our deadline will align with NOVA's deadline.

Mention of the pilot for Advanced World History 1 next year. Also mention of vertical alignment with middle schools and the AP Support Program.

Delores explained the new standards for History which is the rationale for this change.

Suggestion was made to send a reminder to parents regarding dropping classes.

Next week on the 5th we host Becoming Bobcats.

Julie explained how there are charts for all the courses comparing levels.

Open Discussion Time – Concern for immigration, etc. Impact on our population, including mental health issues.