

School Improvement Council

11/12/2018 Meeting

Minutes

I. Advanc-ED Accreditation

- a. Teachers took survey last week
- b. Students took surveys today in Trojan Way
- c. Parents – a letter went home today with a link to take the survey, also the link is provided on the NHS Website

II. Progress of Welcome Center

- a. Construction is in E100, interior being complete after school hours, should be completed after Winter Break.
- b. We will have a tour after meeting tonight

III. School of Choice

- a. Dr. Persinski gave a presentation on what the options are for NHS
- b. Expand the AP/IB Programs, encourage AP music, psychology, etc.
 - i. More certified teachers in AP/IB
 - ii. 12-15 students are required to create a new class
 - iii. Process for IB and AP course development process explained, approval required by school board
- c. Immersion school – will require immersion for subjects such as Social Studies, Math, etc.
- d. School of Arts – increase AP/IB band, chorus, etc.
- e. What are we doing great, what can we improve upon?
- f. Rubric will be created for the applicant process
- g. Will we need more resources as a school of choice? Will they be provided?
 - i. If we pursue school of Arts, we would receive funds for a new auditorium

- ii. Other resources include grants
 - iii. There should be equity between all three high schools
- h. Some NHS parents implied they want “wholistic” school, well-rounded, not directed toward one area
- i. Other parents implying that marketing-wise, to not be a School of Choice would look like the school got the “left-overs,” we could lose good students, not a good plan for marketing the school
- j. Statement was made that we do not want NHS to be a follower of other schools, but rather a school of excellence in many areas
- k. Suggestion was made that parents need to give input to Mr. Massey

IV. Peak

- a. Mandatory for the rest of the semester
- b. Purpose is to increase instructional opportunity, not extra teaching time
- c. Students will be able to choose their Peak classroom soon

V. Fall Sports/ Performing Arts

- a. Orchestra – 7 students accepted in region 1 Honors, auditioning for all-state
- b. Band – 9 accepted
- c. Holiday performances coming up

VI. Friends of Northwestern

- a. Dec. 4, 2018 spirit night at the Rib Shak

Safety Meeting Minutes

I. Safety Committee

- a. Random weapon screening – 14 classrooms screened, 0 weapons
- b. Video created by NHS students to be shown next semester when discussing reverse lock-down
- c. 60,000 grant through the district was discussed, it involves 2 walk-through metal detectors, glass reinforcement, additional police hired
- d. Lately we have had extra police officer between D and E. Admin on golf carts at lunch

II. School Culture Survey

- a. Discussion of different types of school cultures
- b. NHS is between collaborative and comfortable collaborate and moving up
- c. There is positive collaborative leadership and teacher collaboration at NHS
- d. Strong unity of purpose and collegial support
- e. Not as strong in learning partnership - need to contact parents more to say positive things

III. Parent concerns

- a. Safety concerning students crossing main street and being dropped off at school
- b. Level of communication needs to improve – like they have on a university campus