Northwestern High School Improvement Council Meeting Minutes February 8, 2016

Mr. Blake informed SIC Members of the new pathway to ATC due to traffic and safety concerns. Using this pathway which is a sidewalk at the back of campus, added about 3 minutes of commute time. Mr. Blake stated that Core classes trump ATC with regard to PEAK time. They are still working out the kinks but so far the feedback has been positive.

Next year schedule building will take into account the need for tutoring with more challenging courses such as Algebra. The goal is to have students work with a course based expert teacher for more focused tutoring.

Mr. Blake informed SIC members that NHS holds its faculty meetings on Wednesdays this year rather than on Tuesdays to avoid athletic and fine arts events.

Information was shared from Dr. Kokolis regarding the proposed religious study elective which will be taken off-site. SIC members were provided a copy of the Policy Handout and the Rule Handout and asked to review and provide feedback via Survey Monkey.

The survey link was sent via email by Mrs. Dawn Pursley.

DISCUSSIONS

SIC Members were informed that there are no Carnegie units attached to the religious study course. It was agreed that lengthy comments would be emailed to the School Board by individual SIC members. The issue of the optional elective course has been tabled in two previous readings. SIC members can attend School Board meetings as individuals with concerns.

Considered moving SIC meetings to a night other than Mondays due to School Board meetings, however decided against that since the regularly scheduled School Board meeting does not conflict with the regularly scheduled SIC meeting.

Question of how other parents are being notified and asked to vote on Survey Monkey.

SIC will hold its next meeting on October 10, 2016. The District SIC meeting will be on October 25, 2016. The agenda for SIC meeting will be emailed to members.

UPCOMING DATES

October 10, 2016 SIC Meeting October 25, 2016 District SIC Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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