

Wilson High School
Site Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014

In Attendance:

Brian Chatard, Amy Durhan, Amy Feller, Teresa Graham, Cari Bacon Fick, Lisa Sloan, Rod Maack, William Bly, Thomas Moore, James Rutledge-Gorman, Whitney Calvin, Estee Emlen

Minutes drafted by: Lisa Sloan

Introduction of students joining Site Council – Welcome!

Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Next meeting needs to be changed to November 18.

Discussion of State Report Card

- Compiled from data from OAKS test
- Data reflects reading is slightly down, math is the same, writing is up
- Science is low in most Portland high schools
- Wilson's rating dropped from a 4 to a 3 due to participation numbers, not academic scores which were comparable to the past
- Only a certain number can be at each level, so one school moving up moves another one down in the ranking
- Participation rates below 94.5% mean that school doesn't meet participation targets
- Some students on IEPs were exempt and that skewed the numbers - these students did work samples instead, but they were counted as non-participants
- 9th grade milestone is on track
- Wilson was better than comparable averages in all academic categories and lower than comparable averages for drop out rate
- There are significant concerns about transitioning to the Smarter Balanced test – PPS Board is pushing back on the state but not getting answers at this point

Site Council Work Plan

- Cari found one from 2011-2012 and is making updates
- Group discussed using the template this year and making updates at each meeting

Smart Balanced Testing

- Discussed need for information push around the test
- Really should share information with students too
- Site Council idea to put together a public informational event in February
- Lisa will contact Ruth Adkins for PPS board's position and what parents can do at this point
- Here is the link to the [July PPS Board Resolution](#) and the [April PPS Board Resolution](#) (no date on this document, so I'm not 100% sure this is the one)
- Discussed preparing students for the exam, informing them about what to expect, but teaching to the test takes away actual classroom instruction time
- Practice tests are available on line [here](#)

- Students are currently unaware of the rigor of this test and the stats on how many will fail
- Tutor time could be used to prepare students for the complexity of this test

Accreditation Process

- Deferred last year because of timing with potential teachers strike
- Visit will happen this December
- Brian will send out a survey as part of the process – last year there was a very low response rate
- Students had ideas how to get more kids to participate

Today's Oregon Live had a nice article about the Mindful Studies program here at Wilson. There was a good one in the SW Post recently as well.

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