

NWSA SLT January 7, 2019

8:00am Media Center

Attendees:

Staff: M. Sears, C. Barth, J. Lowe, A. Currie, J. Rowe, J. Lockhart, Sean Strain

Parents: S. Roberson, A. Starkey, R. Buie

- I. Testing Calendar – still subject to change based on concerns by high school faculty, currently set to test first two 90 minute blocks versus alternating blocks to allow students who need extended time the time to finish test and to give a break for students between midterm tests. Testing calendar also includes Middle School testing for Science and Social Studies, and NCVPS NC Final Exams on Wed, Jan 16th.
- II. ACT Testing – ACT testing for juniors will 2/20/19. A parent meeting has been scheduled for 2/6/19 at 6pm in the media center, and two math workshops will be held Saturday, Feb 2nd and Feb 9th from 9am – Noon in Vitale’s trailer, M463. (note change in time on the 2nd to Noon to 3pm)
- III. Transportation – School board member, Sean Strain, attended to address transportation issues:
 - a. Ongoing issue of loss of students (70+) to Transportation scheduling due to long or delayed bus rides
 - b. Request school board consider changing bell schedule to at least an hour earlier to help alleviate transportation issues, also affects students who work after school, attending private practices, ability to participate on sport teams at other high schools, and staff availability for health appointments.
 - c. Strain – transportation discussion, performance of individual routes known, should be able to note issues, identify bus routes specifically. One parent noted full size bus used for four students – utilization of buses does not seem efficient. Concerns for trying to reach a diverse population with current resources.
- IV. Facility Concerns – The B building is on the bond to be leveled and rebuilt. Administration requested to see if the school board can move up the renovation work on the B building. Also noted were the plumbing problems in the B building and the E building.
- V. Parents expressed their appreciation for the small setting and the changes made to meet the academic standards.
“Disaggregated growth”, focus on growth as well as proficiency. Expectation for goal should be to exceed versus meet the average growth.
- VI. Early Release Day – release at 1:15pm, Arts staff will be conducting auditions, All staff are provided for Digital Learning Competency, Canvas Trailblazing course (.3 CEU, 1:30-4:30 and .3 hours, 1:30-4:30 on next early release day)
- VII. Student Accomplishments
 - a. Jared Owen - \$35K Scholarship for UNCG – academic and arts based.
 - b. Kendall Sanders – junior on the School Board as student representative.

- VIII. School Improvement Plan – plans were approved at last School Board, at least four board members reviewed and provided feedback. Discussion on the purpose of the school improvement plan which appears in some schools to be compliance versus active process. Timing issues, taking 90 days to get School Improvement Plans approved. Observation made that staff has input but goals are set by learning zones versus realistic goals.
- IX. Need for long term plan for our school versus year-to-year plan.
- X. Next SLT Meeting Scheduled for Monday, February 4th, at 8am in the Media Center.

Concluded – 9:05am

Minutes submitted by Joanne Rowe