

Site Council Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2016

In Attendance: Kathy Kaczor, Beth Kitsos, Karen Szarek, Larry Trevette, Shannon Pettis, Daniel Hickey.

Minutes: No changes - Accepted.

Program Of Studies: Completed and presented to the School Committee. Juniors are currently picking their classes for next fall, followed by Sophomores next week, and Freshmen after vacation. Parents can see the recommendations made by the teachers in School Brains.

The BOT Program: The Back on Track Program is active with 9 students currently enrolled. This program allows Freshmen who need extra help to come for tutoring after school. The program has a capacity this year of 12 students and gives them the opportunity to finish the year with their Math and ELA credits that they might not otherwise have earned. Freshmen who do not complete Algebra and/or Grade 9 ELA will still be considered Freshmen the following school year and will not sit for Sophomore MCAS.

Budget: Discussions are still happening at the district level and have not reached the buildings yet.

The Capital Skills grant has allowed for some more robust offerings in Medical Assistant, Robotics, IT Pathways, Programming and Web Design. HHS is providing more programming to meet the varied needs of its students and is developing pathways for students who want a more vocational education but are unable to attend Whittier.

The Classical Academy is undergoing some updating. The students and staff involved in that program have made recommendations and the coursework will be getting more rigorous. Students will have to take more AP classes and the Senior Seminar will result in a more in depth Capstone Project. Starting Sophomore year students will also have more variety in the Science and Engineering classes they can select.

Students enrolled in some of the non integrated SPED programs will be seeing changes in their programs to allow for a more authentic High School experience. For example, students will switch classrooms for more than just their specials/electives.

Registration: The district is tightening its registration requirements regarding proof of residency.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3.

School Year Wrap Up Meeting: Tuesday, June 7.