**World of Inquiry School #58**

**School Based Planning Team**

**January 6, 2015**

**Member Present:** Sheela Webster, Wendy Low, Gloria Gaines, Robert Bond, Sheena Eckler, Mahreen George, Kerry Robertson, Christina Knauf

**Members Absent:** Kim Garlock, Ingrid Dickson, Karen Dingwall, Mary Ellen West, Kamaria Simmons

**Updates:**

* **Senior Uniform**

At the request and only applicable to the senior class, we implemented an optional dress code on Mondays in November. So far, reports have been positive it does not appear to creating any educational distractions or jealousy among students. About half of the seniors wear crew attire while others opt for the new casual option. Robert Bond and Unique will continue to move forward with the senior dress code.

**Comprehensive Education Plan/EL Work Plan/Professional Development**

* We have seen a great turnout in the number of staff members attending the two hour voluntary Professional Development meetings in recent months.
* Kerry Robertson, Sheela Webster, School Designers and the PD committee have developed insightful sessions by incorporating our school’s work plan. The next session’s topic is on differentiation.
* What does differentiation look like here at WOIS?
  + It is being able to understand each student and knowing their learning style(s).
  + It is not based on academics alone.
  + Differentiation does not require many teachers or groupings.
  + High Readiness Committee: (k-6) Looking at the student’s learning profile, academic strengths, and motivation. Parents, teachers, and students will create work plans to challenge students with continuous review and student assessment.
  + Future Goals: We are seeking to create after school programs and academic clubs at the secondary level and how to maintain these programs with staff and students when 50% of students play sports.
* **EL Updates: Superintendent Conference Day**

On Superintendent’s Conference Day teachers were able to plan for their case studies at grades 9-12. Teachers in grades k-8 were able to plan for their expeditions with their team. Staff members also signed up for a design task team.

Griffin Values have been rolled out at a building level. Kerry Robertson is supporting elementary classrooms. Secondary teachers are taking a value and incorporating it within their class and crews.

Next steps: bringing the Griffin Values language to the parents, creating new visuals (posters/banners) at building when we return, and creating “shout outs” to students when demonstrating a value.

EL Updates: WOIS was well represented during National Conference that was held in Boston. Kara Miller, Laura Drake, Sheela Webster, Mahreen George, Janelle Austin, Jen Wagner were all presenters.

* **Secondary Updates**

-RCSD School Expo scheduled for January 10 from 10:00am-3:00pm will be held at MCC Damon City Center.

-World of Inquiry School Group Information session will be held on January 17 with two sessions. (10:00-11:30 and 12:30-2:00)

**-**SLC’s will take place after midterms. Looking to designate a night for parents come in and having students go over their report card discussing their effort and mindset. Suggestion was made to hold the first SLC at the end of 1st semester or beginning of the 2nd semester.

* **Design Task Team Updates**

**Secondary Culture Crew:** Discussing cellphone use options. Cellphone use is impacting on instructional time and taking away from learning. The crew is talking with students and parents on this issue.

**Outward Bound Crew:** Identifying dates for next year.

**Values Crew:** Griffin Values have been rolled out. Support staff helping teachers/classrooms.

**Steering Crew:** There is an extended meeting with Kim Garlock.

**SWMM Crew:** Elementary student club made up with 5th and 6th graders. Students are taking ownership of the meetings. When returning to new building creating a k-12 School Wide Morning Meeting.

**Health Advisory Crew-** No updates at this time.

**High Readiness Crew:** Starting to identify students, collecting input from parents and students, and collecting data from teachers.

**Safe and Supportive:** School staff donated items to the Crew Love Baskets for Angie Coleman and Roberta Brunelle.

**School Service Crew:** Able to donate 24 Thanksgiving baskets to families.

**EL Crew:** Elementary Expedition Night will be held on 1/21/15 and invitations will go out on 1/7/15. Expeditions will be held in classroom parents with parents completing a note cather regarding their child’s expedition.

**PD Crew:** already mentioned in minutes.

**Student Led Conference Crew:** Elementary SLC’s are being rescheduled for those students who did not hold one.

**Living Contract:** Team is working collaboratively with district and RTA.

**Technology**: (When returning to new building) Smart boards in every classroom attached with desktop computers on chart, no need for teachers to use their district laptops. Elementaryclassrooms have 2-4 desktop computers. In addition, 10 Google Chrome carts and a new computer lab.

* **Facilities/Move Update**

-Ready to move; Official start date is on 2/23/15.

-Four different move dates with support from the Move Management Team are in place.

-All Smart boards and furnishings are in classrooms.

-Open for staff 3:30-7:30 on Mondays-Fridays and opened on Saturdays. No one other than staff allowed at building-safety reasons.

-We have parking! District will be renting 100 spots from the Downstairs Cabaret and in addition there will be 40 on-site spots.

- Two security cameras will be placed in the parking lot by the Downstairs Cabaret.

-Joe Jackson, head custodian, is creating a map of building.

- Last week of January, teachers will be taking their students to the new building. Monday through Wednesday is for grades k-6, Thursday is for grades 7 & 8, and Friday is for high school.

- Future scheduling with district for ribbon cutting ceremony.

* **PTC Update**
* Next meeting will take place on 1/8/15 to further plan the house warming party.

Next SBPT Meeting will take place back home in our new building @ 4:15 on 2/3/15

Respectfully submitted by Sheena Eckler