

Walnut Hills High School

ILT Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

Attendees: J. Chambers, E. Kenney-Levin, J. Stewart, K. Restle, J. Smitson, A. Morgan, D. Coleman, S. Bramlage, S. Stephenson, L. Thelen, L. Wasem, B. Sweeney, J. Caliguri, S. Barringer, F. Schneider, A. Byars, P. Riddle, H. Durbin, R. Harsh, D. Pfeiffer, M. Perdrix, Y. Munir, M. Eggars, B. Smith, T. Ligon, J. Gerth

Review & accept the minutes from December

Motion to approve made by Sallie Barringer, seconded by John Chambers

All approve

Special Order of Business

- None

Old Business

Originator

Jr. High Health

Durbin

Junior High Health Proposal Requirement for 7/8 graders: PE Department

Discussion or questions?

Propose to make junior high health a requirement for 7th or 8th grade

Discussion? None

Approve 12 Opposed 7 Abstentions 0 motion passes

We have to make sure we change the course directory to reflect the requirement

Heather will talk with counseling dept

Latin for incoming 9th – 11th graders

Chambers/ Smith

Proposal all incoming 9th, 10th, 11th 12th required to take a one year of Latin I or Greek I

- Affects graduation requirements in that a student must make room in his/her schedule to accommodate the Classics requirement.
- This could potentially increase the required number of credits for graduation. Large numbers of high school juniors and seniors are in study halls. According to CPS policy and state of Ohio (ORC and ODE) we are allowed to set a higher bar for graduation requirements.
- Latin I and II count toward high school credits (.5 each), but do not count toward GPA. Algebra I and Geometry in 7th and 8th grade counts toward credit, but not GPA.
- Last year, Greek I had 15 students enrolled. Staffing should not change if this proposal is approved.
- Greek I does not count toward language credit in high school, it is a classics elective credit.
- Enrolling in 9th grade, a student would need to take Latin I or Greek I and two MWL to fulfill WHHS graduation requirements.

- We do not figure we'd need an additional section of Greek, but potentially we would need to add another for Latin I. Details of how far the curriculum runs for the Latin I would be dependent upon the students in the classroom.
- How many students come into WHHS and graduate without Latin?
- Currently, 360 students in grades 9-12 that have not taken Latin at this time (19-20)

E. Kenney-Levin: Propose to postpone until next month or go back to departments to discuss further.

D. Pfeiffer: Second to propose a vote for this meeting.

- Require Latin I for students enrolling in Walnut in grades 9-12 in the short term, but we need to return to the number of credits required for graduation.
 - Can the credits for graduation stay the same?
- Parents do not believe that requiring Latin I requirement for incoming 9-12 in a bad idea. They agree with the requirement.
- If a student enrolls in Walnut and has Latin listed on the transcript as high school credit, that will satisfy the requirement.
 - Is there going to be an exam to show they are Latin proficient? No, there is not a placement test. The transcript that lists Latin as a credit will count.

Motion to accept the proposal as is made by J. Chambers and seconded by D. Pfeiffer.

- Walnut issues a Classical College Preparatory Diploma and it is important that students take Latin (or Greek). With 360 current students having not taken Latin, that is over 10% of our student population, 18% of grades 9-12 student population.

Proposal to accept handbook change as written

Approve 11 Oppose 6 Abstentions 2; motion passes

New Business

Originator

Procedures for ILT

Kenney-Levin

- Proposal from Erin. Some contractual some not.
- ILT request form (John or Erin) not contractual, but procedural.
- Agenda 24 hours contractual (amend to include ILT student representatives, Erin will add to email list, but not amend the proposal)
- Agenda item 5 minutes to present and up to 10 minutes to discuss for each item to discuss, vote on proposal, vote to extend 5 up to 10 minutes, or vote for table; if ILT member does not make proposal, Co-Chairs (Erin or John) will propose
- Minutes will be submitted and posted 3 business days (contractual requirement)
- ILT committee members reviewed at beginning of new school year (contractual requirement)

Motion by E. Kenney-Levin, seconded by D. Pfeiffer

Approve 19 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0; motion passes

Second part of proposal by John:

- Only members of ILT should bring discussion to ILT.
 - In the past a faculty member brought a proposal to the ILT and after the ILT proposal was discussed and motion was voted upon the staff member continues to sit at the ILT table and joins in on the conversation for the remainder of the meeting.
- Presenters that are not members of the ILT are limited to the discussion of proposals that they have brought to the ILT.
- Non-ILT members are more than welcome to share their opinion at the request and/or approval of an ILT member.

Motion made by L. Wasem and seconded by F. Schneider

Approve 13 opposed 6 abstain 6; motion passes

End-of Semester Exam Discussion

Sweeney

- Talking points regarding examinations for ILT (handed out at the meeting)
- The current procedure as adopted in November 2013 ILT: *teachers may give semester exams prior to exam week and students do not need to attend semester exam bell if they have already taken the exam. Study hall early release/late arrival forms may be passed out by teachers for these courses fitting the description.*
- This discussion is to determine a school wide policy regarding exams
 1. Either kids are exempt because they have two A's
 2. All kids take exams
 3. Require all students to take an end of semester exam for first semester, but any student who has earned an A for 3rd and 4th quarter they can be exempted from the exam.
- Exam policy; a proposal can be helpful to discuss
 - Community service project?
 - 7th, 8th, and (9th) potentially cannot exempt out of exams (transportation issues)
- Proposal to be written and submitted at a later date.

Motion to dismiss L. Wasem, seconded by E. Kenney-Levin

Meeting adjourned 3:55