

Amherst Regional High School Parent Center Minutes from December 12, 2007

Next meeting: January 16, 2008

Presentation by Marta Guervara on academic and support programs.

- Student Support Services Departments
 - Guidance
 - Case Management
 - Outreach
 - Community Partnerships
 - Activities
 - Middle School -> High School Transition
 - Academic Support – Study Centers/Tutoring
 - Deans Office
 - Testing
 - Special Programs
- Guidance (Michael Bardsley, department chair)
 - [Designed by national standards]
 - Development Curriculum
 - Individual Student Planning
 - Responsive Services
 - Academic Counseling
 - College Counseling
 - Course Scheduling
 - [+ paying attention to graduation credits]
- Case Management Teams (deans, counselors, SE)
 - Wellbeing
 - DSS
 - Suicide Ideation
 - Self-harming
 - Homelessness
 - Court/Probation
 - [Monitor issues as they come up, assess many things daily]
- Outreach (Maureen Fleming, outreach counselor)
 - Benefit Package
 - Community Agencies
 - Attendance Monitoring
 - DA Office (Probation, CHINS, etc.)
 - [Try to level playing field with respect to access and opportunity]
- Community Partnerships (Nunia Mafi, CP coordinator)
 - MSAN
 - ADL
 - STRIVE
 - Senior Year Options [internships, community service, etc.]
 - Social Justice
- Activities (Sherry Balzano, activities coordinator)
 - Clubs/Activities [62 clubs last year, but many were cut or consolidated this year due to budget]
 - Student Government
 - School Council
 - Class Advising
- MS -> HS Transition
 - STRIVE

- Curricular Orientation
- Summer Orientation
- First 4 Weeks
- Ongoing Collaboration
- Transition Meetings
- [Identify 15 students who need particular help. Also have peer mentoring.]
- Academic Support
 - English Study Center
 - Math Study Center
 - After School Programs
 - College/Peer Tutoring
 - Pipeline
- Deans Office (Mary Custard / Susan Shepard)
 - [Under Support Services]
 - Discipline Code
 - Attendance
 - Internal Suspension
 - Campus Monitoring
 - Mediation
 - Conflict Resolution
 - [Last 2 bullets: doing work with families]
- Testing
 - MCAS
 - PSAT
 - SAT
 - AP
- Special Programs
 - [Also under Support Services]
 - Prep Academy I
 - Prep Academy II
 - Project Challenge
 - Latino Achievement
- Q: Is there a science resource room? A: No.
- Q: How was it decided which clubs were disbanded? A: Asked for justifications from advisers. Included the # of students, charter, interest, etc.
- Approximately 45 clubs now.

"Parenting from Your Heart" workshop, Jerry Koch-Gonzalez

- Jerry is trying to gauge interest in a workshop on non-violent communication. His workshop is supported by the Amherst Education Foundation. He has done at least one MS workshop. Jerry was looking for guidance as to how he could proceed. Jerry will follow up with Jim Rogers.

Budget, Mark Jackson

- December 13 was scheduled to be the first pass at the budget setting process between the principles and superintendent.
- This year we begin with a \$2M deficit for the school district. Last year 26% of the deficit was absorbed by the high school.

Tutorial Programs, Mary Jo Maffei

- Planning on having a student contest challenging students to come up with a publicity campaign to promote after school help.

- Request funds from ARHSPC.