

MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING OF SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, ILLINOIS

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held on September 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Rich Hamilton. Also present: Mike Coughlin, Kristine Einhaus, Jennifer Frye, Jessi Holman, Kristi Pabian and Dan Stecken.

A. 2021 Summer school update

Mr. Coughlin shared the 2021 Summer school numbers for both Dual Credit Speech and Driver's education classes. In the DC Speech class, through an additional cost to the family, students are able to earn 3 credit hours through IVCC.

B. Freshman orientation

Mr. Coughlin informed the committee regarding the 2022 Freshman orientation. SHS held the orientation over a day and a half on August 15th and 16th. He sent out a survey to all Freshmen to get feedback on their experience. The results received from 48 applicants were all very positive.

C. Final exam exemptions

Mr. Coughlin updated the committee regarding fall 2022 final exam exemptions. These adjustments originated with the School Improvement Team. Mr. Coughlin reviewed the final exam exemptions changes with the committee. 1.) All students regardless of grade can earn a maximum of four final exam exemptions. 2.) Students earning exemptions must have an A in the class. 3.) If a student ever appears on the eligibility list with a failing grade, they lose the opportunity to be exempt from that class. 4.) Any student that has a D or F in any class, loses the opportunity to be exempt from all finals.

D. Parent Involvement

Mr. Coughlin reviewed the three nights that parents are invited to collaborate with SHS faculty on their student's educational needs. Parents attending all three nights will continue to receive a 75.00 discount on 23-24 registration costs.

E. RISE Incentive program

Be Here, Be kind and Be accountable. Mr. Slutz and Mr. Adams, co-sponsors, have done an excellent job with hyping up the incentive program. The consistent communication has been Be here, Be kind and Be accountable to yourself and teachers by keeping up your grades. They will open up the 2nd semester with assembly and presentation of incentive cards. Activities organized this year have been the rise and shine pancake breakfast and the Commitment to Graduate banners?

F. SST development

Mr. Coughlin reported on the need to make improvements to our SST time period. The administration will continue to stress the importance of using that time well. Mrs. Holman commented on the fact that Guidance does utilize that time for a variety of

activities on a daily basis. Currently, the SST period is used for: College visits, clubs/activities meeting time, study hall, RISE Mondays, Naviance and social emotional lessons.

G. 5 Essentials survey results

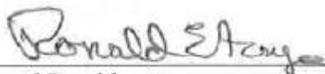
Mr. Coughlin informed the committee on the benefit of using the data from the 5 essentials survey. The 5Essentials School Reports for the State of Illinois are derived from 20 years of research on improving schools. The reports are based on a comprehensive core of more than 80 student and 150 teacher questions compiled into 22 measures of school climate and practice and formed into five essentials. As measured by the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, those five essentials are leading indicators of school improvement. The power of 5Essentials comes from their prediction of school success, the intuitiveness of the overall framework components (Instruction, Environment, Leaders, Teachers, and Families), and the reliability of the survey measures. The overall picture shows that Seneca High School is well organized for improvement.

H. Title I/Academic supports

Mr. Coughlin spoke to the fact that quality academic interventions should begin with the teacher, student and parents. However, sometimes those interventions aren't enough support. In that case, students are often referred to the Student Assistance Program(SAP) at Seneca High School. The team evaluates each referral to develop a plan that will support the student. Oftentimes, the recommendation is made to utilize the START program at Seneca High School.

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary



Date