PLC Minutes

Tuesday, August 26th

Room 36

PLC Members: Sheila Cummings, Kathleen Horner, Misty Olds, Kyle Roelfsema, Kristi Shanenko, Sarah Lerud, Peggy Kvien, Andrea Johnson, Lori Justesen, Carmelle Kuehn

Members Absent:

1. Photo(s) taken! ☺
2. A concern about large junior class sizes (25-30) came up. We drafted an explanatory letter to D. Koppelman, asking if an extra section could be added. K. Brandt was copied on the email. D. Koppelman’s reply is as follows:

Good morning Mrs. Shanenko,

Thank you for bringing this concern to my attention.  For our students in grades 7-12 it is nice if we can keep those classes to 25 or less.  Unfortuntaley, the way scheduling works, there may be times a teacher/s end up with 26, 27 in their classroom.  I think we may have several teachers in that category this year.  I believe last year one of our teachers had like 31 students in a Jr. High Math class.

It sounds as if Ms. Olds schedule changed a little bit so her class load might be a little better.  Other districts in our state are pushing up to 30 students in their common core classes is my understanding.  I have complete faith in our teachers if we have 25, 26 in a classroom that we will be able to do the job just fine.

We are always open to reevaluating situations but for now my plan would be to leave the English sections as they are.

Another thought I keep in mind, is if this were to change, what other curriculum areas may come forward with a similar request?  I believe there would be some.  It's like that domino affect and is part of the big picture discussion I have had in my mind.

Once again, thank you Mrs. Shanenko.  Rest assured, Mrs. Brandt and Ms. Lambrecht do everything they can when working with that schedule to try and balance class loads.

Take care.  I do hope you have a nice Labor Day weekend.

Dean Koppelman

1. Resource Center Business – S. Lerud

S. Lerud asked that all books be returned by May 19. Dates were set up for initial classroom visits. For grade-level PLCs, S. Lerud will choose one based on the agenda & input she may have on a particular student.

1. Read 180 Suggestion for Tracking Pages – M. Olds

Students will need to show BOTH teachers their test slips. The burden of proof rests on them.

1. Set Goals for Year (We only have EIGHT meetings + today to accomplish these items! Yikes!)
   1. Create & Submit Action Plans – both are uploaded on our PLC website.
   2. Plan SmarterBalanced test prep – our plan is outlined in our action plans.
   3. Continue curriculum alignment 7-12 – we did not get to this yet.
   4. Select & Order New Textbooks – K. Shanenko will make sure we have samples from the Big 3: Pearson (already here), Houghton-Mifflin (already here), and McDougal-Littel.
2. K. Horner will demo grammarly.com at an upcoming meeting.

Meetings Remaining *:* **These dates cannot be set until the PLC chair meetings are set.**