

SLT Minutes for 10-11-17
Mallard Creek High School

- Monthly meetings
 - Second Wednesday of the month
 - Media Center at 4:30
 - Open to the public

- Updates
 - Personnel = adding 2.5 positions: EC, security associate; Math & English half-time positions
 - Still need help with more guidance counselors, World Language, History--Admin still reaching out to district leaders for more positions based on needs of student population
 - Focus continues to be on student growth
 - Data wall at school entrance will be updated
 - ACT growth = working on resources and support for working with 11th graders to prepare for success (from Nov. to Feb.)
 - Personalized Learning: Teachers will visit Mint Hill Middle School to observe examples of Personalized Learning (PL) in order to see more examples of PL in practice
 - CMS PL coaching yesterday; offered observation and feedback of PL design team

- November 8th Pre-ACT Schedule
 - Students will test in the morning, then move to third block followed by second block in order to give time back to second block classes who have had many interruptions in recent weeks.

- Headwear in the Building: Policy change
 - Committee discussed whether dress code policy should change in regards to student headgear, specifically decorative scarves worn by young women.
 - Hoods and hats definitely pose a problem in terms of being able to see students ears (for earbuds) and some students use bills of hats for cheating. Hoodies and caps will remain prohibited in the building along with bandanas and sunglasses.
 - Young women should be allowed to wear scarves/headwraps etc. because they pose no threat to the learning environment. In order to avoid gender bias, the committee acknowledges the male equivalent to women's fashion scarves in men's duragss. These items have now been approved as acceptable attire for inside the building.

- Curriculum Night: Suggestion for changes to format

- The problem: many teachers receive visits from parents on curriculum night who are expecting to have a conference about their child. They take up too much of the teacher's time and he or she cannot easily break away to meet with other parents who are visiting the room. Some parents overstay the hours of the event in order to talk longer about their child.
- What can be done?
 - Population of school is too big to offer an open meeting
 - A bell system would allow parents to visit student's classrooms on a schedule
 - Event could be broken into two segments, each 45 minutes? Or broken into two nights (9-10 and 11-12)?
- Committee decides that no changes will be made at this time; discussion will continue

- School Improvement Plan--Final draft due October 17th
 - Draft sent out and approved by the district last week
 - Signed and finalized by parents at tonight's meeting

- Upcoming Events
 - Parent Jam: 10-11, 6 PM
 - Mallard Creek Football @ Hopewell--10-13, 7 PM
 - Early Release--10-18, 11:15 am
 - Midterms--10-25 & 26
 - End of Quarter--10-27
 - Teacher Workday (no school)--10-30
 - Make up picture day 11-11

- Other items
 - Ms. Mcloud Tues. 2:15 principal's conference room to review NHS applications. Need at least 7 SLT members to be in compliance
 - 10-24 World Language Olympics
 - PLC walks begin next week
 - Student Assignment (CMSlistens.org) boundary changes to district--Romaine is project manager for Mallard Creek→ direct questions to her→ currently working on a plan of communication for parents, even though Mallard Creek has not been dramatically impacted. Some neighborhoods zoned for Vance will move to Mallard Creek and vice versa, but affects only a small population. Will impact rising 9th and 10th graders
 - National Art Honors Society working on murals and other improvements to the building.

- Next Meeting--Wednesday, 11-8, 4:30