

## ACAC Meeting Minutes June 6, 2006

Next years teachers: We would like to have 2 of the newly hired teachers teach in AC. Talks are ongoing.

The 10<sup>th</sup> grade English and history classes will be cored as 9<sup>th</sup> grade is.

It looks good for lead teacher release time to be paid by the district next year.

AC will have \$10,400.00 in funds from BSEP available July 1<sup>st</sup>. Matt will let all of the teachers know. One use for some money could be for study guides, maps and other classroom material. (**Afterword: It is now approx. \$5000.00**).

**Teacher retreat:** Alex and Jessie will work on the fall retreat. The tentative date is September 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. This would be an all AC teacher retreat. Thelette will look into whether the school will provide funding for this. Meanwhile there will be a '9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum coordination day' on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Teachers would start working on content for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade courses. This would be prior to the graduation reception in the afternoon at 2:30.

**Course outlines:** Jessie has a template that she will get out to teachers (or Matt) asap. They need to be completed for every course.

Clarification of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade history electives: Politics and Power and Constitutional Law, and Theoretical Psychology and Comparative Religion.

**UC Readers:** Doug met with Julie Passarelli and Christine Tarr. Ideally they would like to get 24-30 students from UC to help teachers read 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade essays (to start). This could allow teachers to double their writing assignments. There would be a meeting in the fall to develop a rubric and two students would be assigned to each teacher. Doug said the most important thing is consistency. The UC students must be able to commit to the year.

**Social Living:** Doug has a call into Nancy Rubin. Karen is also working on ideas for content. We need to work on this over the summer. Janet suggested contacting Shannon Erby and using part of her curriculum.

**Student Support:** Next year we want to be more ambitious about our tutoring. Karen Meryash and Lesley Turner are to meet with Melanie Price and Ashley Moore. (Now we have heard the Melanie will not be around).

We really need a functioning coordinator. It might be best to develop our own program next year and have an after school schedule combined with the resources that are already available. We also need help with special ed students.

We also need to explore the possibility of 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders working with younger students. For instance AP Lit students could be assigned to help 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

A Homework Center is another possibility.

Senior Project: **We need to create a certificate to award those students.**