

Academic Choice Advisory Council Meeting - Minutes Nov. 2, 2006

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In attendance:

Amy Frey
Pasquale Scuderi
David Bye
Amelia Starr
Karen Meryash
Karen Kaufman
Jane Wise
Jessica Seaton
Chris Gilbert
Sherene Randall
Alejandro Ramos

Minutes:

Amelia spoke about the Student Leadership council activities. A mentoring meeting was held, but it was hard to contact mentors beforehand; email was not sufficient. Jane suggested posters. The mentoring meeting was chaotic. Amelia will work with Sherene on AC mentoring. Caitlin Morrissey, the other student council leader is working on social activities, including a dance and fund-raiser.

Karen Meryash spoke about student support. A study skills workshop was held with about 30-35 students and parents attending. Those who came were the targeted audience, as opposed to last year when too many students came who already had mastered these skills. The next meeting will be held at 5 pm so that students could come closer to school's end. Notice of the meeting will be given by mailing letters, rather than only using the etree.

Sally Silva, the AC tutor, is getting 3-4 students for humanities tutoring. This happens M-W, in C219. Sally can only come in the afternoon.s

Scott Willson is getting 10 students / day for Algebra I tutoring.
Karen passed out a tutor schedule for AP Pathways.

Unfortunately, the schedule is in effect only before tests. More tutors are needed. Tutor locations are available in G111.

Sharene said that the 9th grade teachers plus 10th grade teacher Omwamba will take the professional development course: 2 days in December, 1 in January. Sharene was particularly interested in the course in how it would help with teaching different levels of students in the same class.

Sharene and other 9th grade teachers are referring some students to the Positive Minds program.

Sharene commented on the success of the 9th grade potluck, which included some students, and requested that students be invited to future potlucks.

Karen Kaufman passed out the Social Living curriculum. This came out of work that she conducted with Nancy Rubin, a long-time educator in this field. She also had sample materials, including a textbook. The main student work will be a journal. At the end of the month of the course a play, "Secrets", may be presented.

Next Meeting: December 1 @ 7:15 am, Conf. Rm B