

WHS Site Council
Thursday, October 22, 2009
6:00 pm at Watertown High School

Topics Discussed

1. School Update

H1N1: Following protocols now requires 24 hours fever free, we are documenting students going home with fever, not too extensive so far. Attendance has remained at approximately 95%. If vaccine becomes available, there will be clinics at WHS.

Threat at WHS: Students handled it extremely well, assembly went well, under 60 students stayed out of school, went through lockers, entrance to the school through front door only, and this will be general rule going forward, will also mean parking lot is less dangerous because less foot traffic.

Progress Reports: Sent out with 20+ students using Rank Book electronic grading system linked to I-Parent. Rest of staff will be trained in April, May, June staff meetings, will make grades transparent for parents.

Evacuation and Lock Down Procedures: Will be done without announcements this year.

Enrollment: 53 have entered since start of school. Of new enrollees, 6 from out of state, 10 from out of country, 3 from Minuteman, 15 from in-state and 13 from Private School. 43 students have left the school

I-Parent: List now available of all parents not on I-Parent – need to contact them individually

Upcoming Events: Video being made about WHS to use with eighth graders to help transition, Halloween Dance is coming up – strict drug and alcohol screening, Diversity Assembly will be held next Monday with Watertown Cultural Council covering ticket cost.

2. Budget

A general overview was provided of the budget process. The goal will be for the process to be as transparent as possible. Teacher contracts are up at the end of this year (new contract in September 2010) and there will be negotiations at the end of the year.

3. MCAS

Literacy piece needs to improve but math is ok. Both SAT and MCAS dipped for last year's seniors (but state-wide dipped too). Discussion of remedial efforts? (some entering 8ths are identified)

4. Meeting with Superintendent Koufman

Erika reported that, on October Superintendent Koufman held with all Watertown school system PTO Presidents and Site Council Presidents on October 30. Topics to bring up include mascot issue, financial plan with teacher contracts, district wide (reading k-12 inc WHS reading teacher for ed plan kids; math through middle and high school)

6. Other Business

The site council determined that it would like to meet with the new superintendent, Ann Koufman-Frederick and that she should be invited to a meeting.

The council discussed the need to add parents of freshman students to the site council and to use a connect-ed message to encourage parents to participate

The election process for school officers was discussed and possible inappropriate use of Facebook in that process, and how process could be improved.

Next meeting

Planned for November 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.