

WHS Site Council
Thursday, September 24, 2009
6:00 pm at Watertown High School

Site Council Members for 2009-2010

Michael Noftsker	Headmaster, WHS
Erika Geetter	Parent
Ruth Rappaport	Parent
Eileen McCluskey	Parent
Robin Rohlicek	Parent
Maurin O'Grady	Teacher
Lynsey Kraemer	Teacher
Donna Ruseckas	Administrator
Jacqui Tresca	Student

Topics Discussed

1. School Update:

Change in Student Enrollment: Enrollment has increased by 50 students to 735, which means some classes are bigger than usual (20+ - some close to 30)

User Fee: \$50,000 in budget needed to be covered. Fee is \$175 for sports and \$25 for clubs, waiver process, no cap for number of kids in family. To be collected by October 31.

Electronic Grading System: Current system is not tied in to I-Pass. Rank book now being piloted by 21 teachers. Will mean that, at end of semester, all grades have already been entered.

Paper Policy: Less paper available, teachers receive specific amount to use

New Rules: (1) Athletic Eligibility rules tightened up for participation requirements – 3 F's means no participation, 2 F's means probation (2), Attendance rules now allow for an "N" grade for poor attendance, which will mean course has not been passed, (3) Electronics rules – not allowed in corridors – to encourage social interaction. New rules brought forward by teacher leadership team

2. PEP Grant

Donna Ruseckas discussed the PEP grant that WHS received. One of 73 grants awarded nationwide. Total grant is about \$400,000 with approximately \$200,000 for equipment. Will allow for innovative programs from K through 12 designed to keep kids moving, start them on fitness for life, includes HR monitors to measure activity.

3. I-Parent Data Work

Additional work needed to collect e-mail addresses and encourage greater participation.

4. Additional Topics

The committee discussed ideas for improving the atmosphere in the halls, allow access to the library after school, and use of the Red Raider logo

Next meeting

Planned for October 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.