

**iHigh Virtual Academy
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2015- 1:30 pm- iHigh Room 3**

Present: Samantha Shaffer, Briana Bigornia, Mrs. Susan Shaffer, Mrs. Carrie Lopez, Mrs. Laurie Lavache, Mrs. Susie O'Neill, Ms. Rita Macedo, Mrs. Anna Baker, Mrs. Pamela Bell, Mrs. Patty Cava

A. Call to Order/Meeting Minutes

1. Samantha Shaffer called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm
2. SSC voted to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2015 meeting
3. SSC voted to approve agenda format changes

B. Public Input/Correspondence/Announcements

1. Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) is updated each year with current crime statistics and must be turned in by March 1, 2016
2. While the full WASC was done in 2013 for a six year period, the 3-year interim WASC report is due June 1, 2016; Data will be collected for this interim report.

C. Old Business

1. An update was given on the Community Partner Fundraisers. The public parking fundraiser is doing well. In the first 3 weeks of operating the program, iHigh will be given \$500 to our donation fund. There was some confusion with the Food Fair, so as we move forward, we will need to know our partners plan and market ahead of time; Mrs. Cava made the suggestion to have a Food Fair only 1 day a week, preferably when IT has training to draw in more participants from Ballard Center.

D. New Business

1. 2015 CST and SBAC results were presented. With our small population of students coupled with a number of students who opted out of the testing, it is difficult to plan interventions/goals for such small numbers. Academic goals for June of 2016 include: Increasing the number of 11th grade students who score proficient or above on the Smarter Balance assessment of English by 5% and Math by 5%.

District Interim Assessments will be given in December and February with the intent of giving a benchmark for how students will do on the state testing in Spring. Questions were raised regarding how closely the district's interim assessments will mirror the state's Smarter Balanced Assessments. And, will these interim tests be online or paper and pencil? Will Illuminate be used?

Also discussed was the concern with the many factors that are built into the Smarter Balanced tests, so students need to have a good attitude and utilize good strategies for the particular features with these tests. Parents were also concerned with scheduling of tests this year, since last year's schedules was too stressful for the amount of tests and needing to be on campus (AP testing, Smarter Balanced testing, and Final Exams).

The importance of students taking the state test will be pushed again this year with incentives for attendance.

E. Budget

1. The October 2015 Budget was reviewed. While each line item was reviewed, overall, iHigh is doing fine. The Grant will be ending in June, so all money in this account will need to be used. Since the district did not account for the large amount of credit recovery students serviced through iHigh, this impacts our budget.

F. Committee Reports

1. The DAC meeting was held October 21, 2015. Mrs. Cava reported that the Director of Assessment reported the differences in the new testing system, presented some general district data, and DAC will be electing new officers.

G. **Public Comment**- Kudos was given to ASB for the recent Halloween Party.

H. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.

The next SSC meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2015, 1:30 pm

Submitted by Laurie Lavache