

**Community Advisory Team  
Study Group  
Meeting Minutes  
9-9-10**

Members Present: Emilie Molitor, John Clark, Matt Dollard, Nick Hanff, Chad Hodges, Vickie Vohsen, Shawn Brown

Meeting called to order at 5 pm

1. Review of Study Group Charter/Mission
  - a. Mr. Brown led group through discussion of charter, mission, and answered any questions regarding timeline, decisions, etc.
2. Consensus Overview
  - a. Mr. Brown briefly led group through presentation given by John Urkevich on Consensus. He answered any questions/comments from presentation.
3. Valedictorian/Salutatorian
  - a. Initial Pros/Cons
    - i. Pros – work hard to earn the top two spots, positive pressure to strive to do your best, makes students want to take the harder, weighted classes
    - ii. Cons – many students can tie for top spot – 3, not enough students recognized for their outstanding academic achievement – what does #11 in class get – no recognition, causes people to dumb down schedules so that their GPA stays high, won't take challenging career related classes – health occ, vo-tech
  - b. Initial Questions
    - i. None
4. Cum Laude System
  - a. Initial Pros/Cons
    - i. Pros – Recognition for many students' outstanding academic achievement, allows students to take classes that interest them in career field without fear of losing class rank or val/sal,

- allows students to take upper level courses needed for college without fear of losing class rank or val/sal
- ii. Cons – if levels are not high enough, too many students may be recognized and it becomes too watered down, the drive of certain students may lessen and may not take tougher classes
- b. Initial Questions
    - i. Do we have to limit it to only GPA or can we add more areas to excel in?
    - ii. Do we need weighted classes in cum laude system?
5. Data Collection
- a. What data do we need?
    - i. Data from surrounding districts with similar systems and all components of those systems – Mr. Brown to collect and send out before next meeting
    - ii. Data from colleges we send most kids to and colleges feelings about cum laude system and its effect on scholarships, etc. – Mr. Clark to collect and send out before next meeting
  - b. Survey of students/parents
    - i. Only when we have a plan in place as to what our next moves may be – targeted mainly at 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents since they would be affected the most by switch
6. Next meeting date
- a. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm in HS conference room
7. Q and A
- a. No questions
8. Adjourned at 5:36 pm

### The Wright Way

Attitude

Respect



Effort

Team

Pride