

**Community Advisory Team
Study Group
Meeting Minutes
9-28-10**

Members Present: Emilie Molitor, John Clark, Chad Hodges, Vickie Vohsen, Shawn Brown

Meeting called to order at 5 pm

1. Review of Data Collection

- a. Val/Sal systems in other places – Cum Laude systems from the following school districts were reviewed – Warrenton, Washington, Wentzville, Fort Zumwalt, and Ferguson-Florissant
 - i. Pros -- team thought the GPA standards were rigorous in some cases, liked the idea of adding more than just GPA to meet Cum Laude standards, liked the idea of a committee of folks choosing graduation speakers systems reviewed
 - ii. Cons –team thought the GPA standards may not be rigorous enough in some cases, wanted to know how School Flex might play into this system with students only having two classes here in which they receive a letter grade, team had concerns about Good Citizenship being a part of any Cum Laude system if more qualifications were added
- b. Colleges outlook on Val/Sal – colleges that responded to our question about Val/Sal system vs. Cum Laude were East Central College, St. Charles Community College, Missouri Baptist College, Ranken Technical College, Westminster College, Lindenwood University, and The College of Tulsa
 - i. Pros -- every college but one said that they are great with whatever system is used, more scholarships are awarded based on overall GPA and/or ACT, not if a student was a val or sal
 - ii. Cons -- Lindenwood University was the only college that responded that it looks at Val/Sal much higher than Cum Laude because they want “bragging rights” amongst colleges for number of Val/Sal students

2. What is your reaction to data presented?
 - a. What is our next step? – group discussion on what our presentation would be to the CAT on October 25th
 - b. Do we propose a system? –For the presentation to the CAT team in October the group will present our findings on what folks around us are doing in terms of Cum Laude vs. Val/Sal, how those systems are structured, and the phase-in process for each system. The group does not feel at this time that the six or so people that have been at these meetings can decide a course of action for the entire school district without having met with a larger number of educators, students, etc. at the high school. So, at this time, the group’s recommendation will be to move forward in exploring a cum laude system for Wright City High School to replace the Val/Sal system. The exploration and nuts and bolts of a system that will work for Wright City High School will be done by a committee composed by myself, Doug, John/Abby, teachers, students, and our Study group and/or CAT folks. Once this system has been put to paper, a presentation will be made to the Board.
 - c. Survey? – group decided at this point not to survey until a specific plan can be put into place by committee of educators
3. Next meeting date – group will take a look at presentation for Oct. 25th via email
4. Q and A -- none
5. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm

The Wright Way

Attitude

Respect



Effort

Team

Pride