

Arcadia High School
School Site Leadership Team
Wednesday, November 12, 2014
3pm-4pm

In Attendance: Minphy Liao, Erika Zheng, Vicky Stiles, Keith Kerney, John Finn, Catherine Merel, Joan Petersilge, William Kyi, Emily Zheng, Diana Lam, Stephanie Harvey, Sharon Sandoval, Phuong An, Robert Ilgenfritz, Leslie Klipstein, Mauricio Eguez, Kathy Yamane, Melissa Hatheway (scribe)

1. Cheating Policy

- Voting today on topics proposed by Dean Kerney last month.
 - Vote #1 Topic: Should teachers adhere to the decision of the cheating panel?
 - What would the consequences be for a teacher who refuses to abide by the panel?
 - If we vote to require this, the grades will be overturned.
 - Is that a violation of Ed Code?
 - Not if it's a rule of a governing body of the school and it can be proved that the teacher's decision is "arbitrary and capricious."
 - Vote #1 Result: The Team has reached consensus that teachers should adhere to the panel's decision.
 - Vote #2 Topic: Should the accused, parents/guardians who are not acting as witnesses, and accusing teachers be present during the witnesses' testimonies?
 - So far the teacher, student, and parent/guardian are allowed to be in the room when witnesses speak.
 - Can we leave this question up to the witness?
 - That seems unfair to the accused.
 - How are the witnesses chosen to begin with?
 - The accused and the teacher may select the witnesses.
 - All witnesses volunteer to cooperate and are not anonymous.
 - Vote #2 Result: The Team has reached consensus that each witness will speak to the panel alone.
 - Vote #3 Topic: Should cheating panels be canceled if the teachers or the accused do not attend the first two scheduled meetings?
 - All are allowed 1 rescheduled date.
 - Whoever refuses to show loses their case.
 - Vote #3 Result: The Team reached consensus that cheating panels will be cancelled if teacher or the accused do not attend the first two scheduled meetings.
 - Vote #4 Topic: Should the AHS Cheating Matrix be changed so that students are given progressing consequences, from lunch detention to Saturday school

to in-school suspension to at-home suspensions, as well as a progressing numbers of points deducted for cheating offenses?

- Incidents are cumulative throughout a student's 4-year tenure at the school.
- Students present at today's meeting say the zero is the most impactful consequence.
- The current Cheating Matrix was written in 2004 by a faculty panel.
- What about teachers who offer a double zero for the first offense?
 - This should be consistent with school policy, but in the case of inconsistencies, appeals might go over our heads.
 - As of now it is the consequence for the second cheating offense on any assignment.
- What are teachers not allowed to implement as consequences for cheating?
- What about cheating incidents that involve multiple students in a cheating ring? Shouldn't that be treated as more severe than most incidents?
 - We cannot address each possible scenario in the Matrix.
- How can we ensure consistency among teachers' consequences?
- Where does collaboration end and cheating begin?
 - A teacher's judgement can determine this.
 - Ideally, teachers make this clear in their syllabi and for each individual assignment.
- Do we want to change the double zero on the Cheating Matrix?
 - Some like this, others think the double zero is fair.
 - The real issue is that a double zero applies to the second offense, no matter the nature of the first offense's assignment.
- Can we change it to the second "like" offense?
 - Some members like this, others don't saying this leads to gray areas in identifying assignment types.
 - Third offense = dropped from course, no extra-curricular activities allowed.
- Vote #4 Results: We need to table this vote until next time because there are too many variables.
 - SSLT members will talk to colleagues for opinions on the matter.

2. SSLT Meetings Treats Schedule

December: Melissa Hatheway

January: Mauricio Eguez

February: Sharon Sandoval and Catherine Merel

March: Stephanie Harvey

April: Phuong An

May: Robert Ilgenfritz and Leslie Klipstein

3. New Business

- None.