

ELO meeting notes 5/2/2012

Members present: Steve Baum, Melanie Bennett, Peggy Egan, Patricia Fahy, Dale Getto, Therese Joyce, Kathy Ryan

1. PowerSchool Database
 - Dale is putting together a meeting for a team of people to meet with Mark Place to work on a plan to track student attendance and participation in clubs, sports, and activities.
 - We are still not sure if Hackett is getting the tracking software (YouthServices.net) discussed in prior meetings.
 - Melanie will check with Julie Barber to see if she received any feedback from her contacts in the Schenectady school district that use the YouthServices.net software.
 - Discussed the possibility of guidance adding an activities section to the course selection sheet.
2. Club List
 - Detailed club list is complete including names and descriptions of clubs, club advisors, meeting days, and number of students currently participating in each club.
 - Lee DeGraff is putting together a handout listing/describing clubs, activities, sports, and intramurals offered at AHS. We are hoping to have this handout ready for the 5/14 Class of 2016 Orientation to hand out to incoming freshman and their families.
3. Snacks
 - Snack distribution for after school activities begins today.
 - Only students in non-cut sports can get snacks
 - Students in sports that do have cuts can get a snack if they have a study hall after school
 - Dale is trying to get a food service staff member through the SIG to help organize and distribute snacks in the afternoon.
4. Saturday Program
 - Trinity Institute is offering a free art class from 11am-2pm on Saturdays at the Trinity Alliance.
 - All skill levels are welcome. Contact information is as follows: 518-720-2227/518-915-1169 as well as GRADARTS.ORG and MALIKHU@HOMTMAIL.COM.
5. Intramurals
 - The fitness room is open after school and usually has 40-50 students there.
 - Discussed possibility of students using St. Rose fitness room as a special incentive. St. Rose declined this request last year.
 - Last summer students used Albany Strength and Fitness.
 - The fitness room will be open all summer.
 - There are too many students who would like to use the fitness room- space is an issue. Discussed possibility of using the Abrookin fitness room, but it is preferable to keep the Intramurals on site at AHS.

- One difficulty is that gym space is only available in the spring and fall because winter sports teams at AHS use all gyms.
6. Weebly
 - Discussed team's feelings about ELO meeting notes being placed on AHS weebly. Weebly is an electronic place where committee notes, mission, goals, meeting dates and times, and members are listed. Team is in favor of ELO committee information being posted on the weebly.
 7. Hackett Late Bus
 - There is a 5pm late bus to take students home from Meyers
 - Kathy Ryan is going to continue to work with Hackett PE teachers to encourage student participation in sports
 - Discussed possibility of having Hackett students go to Meyers for tutoring
 8. Fall Sports
 - Kathy explained process for students to participate in sports. Within 30 days of the start of the sport season medical personnel need to check student eligibility.
 - Starting next week, PE nurses will be getting students signed up for fall sports and will be checking paperwork. They will schedule a physical for any student who needs one.
 - Students need to come back in August to see the nurse and get a medical update.
 - Students need a medical update and parent permission slip for EACH SPORT SEASON and a medical update must be done within 30 days of any sport starting. This is a state rule.
 - Would it be possible to use school news notifier to disseminate information?
 - Perhaps we can have a "peer to peer" mentoring program for sports. Link older athletes with incoming/new athletes to remind them of paperwork due and provide assistance with process. Also have a "phone bank" where students on sports teams call students who have signed up for a sport but have not shown up for practice at the start of the season.

Next meeting Wednesday May 9, 2012 at 7:30am