

Middle School Counseling Advisory Board

Minutes

September 22, 2011

7:00 P.M.

- Introductions of members
- Review of Agenda
- What is an Advisory Board – definition
- The Counselor’s Vision
 - Overview of what a counselor currently is.
- What is the role of a counselor & what the ideal role of the counselor should be
 - Group split into small groups, shared thoughts and reported out.
(see attached list)
- ASCA Model – American School Counselor Association Model for counseling departments – building relationships
 - Accountability
 - Management system
 - Delivery system
 - Foundation
- Role of the counselor
 - Academic
 - Personal/Social
 - Career & college readiness

- Counseling Curriculum
 - Classroom presentations throughout the middle school
 - 8th – career and college readiness
 - 7th – career and college readiness
 - 6th – Middle school success skills
 - AVID – Closing the Advanced Math Gap
 - All – New Student Group, Grief and Loss Group

- Why the ASCA Model
 - Researched based best practices
 - Ensures every students is touched by designed content curriculum
 - Monitors data

- What would you like to see?
 - Parent empowerment
 - Parent nights for 6th & 7th grade parents to help them navigate
 - Communicate what the counseling department does
 - Transition to HS – career, college, extra curricular activities

- Where do we go from here?
 - Welcoming new members to the group
 - Community member – please forward any suggestions to the counselors

Something to think about before the next meeting:

How can the Board help support the counselors and the school?

- NEXT MEETING DATE: February 29, 2012, Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

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From the Pair Share – not in any specific order

Role of the Counselor

- Involved in student crisis
- AVID
- Testing – ACT, MEAP
- Scheduling
- New student
- Behavior plans
- Student intervention
- Filling in for administration
- Parent Meetings Career Cruising
- Master Schedule
- 504 plans
- Bully reports
- Too much of an administrative role
- Drug & alcohol intervention
- Conflict Resolution
- Listening
- Helping
- Supporting
- Counseling
- Sounding board for all
- Taking care of the whole student

What the ideal role of a counselor should be

- Opportunity for one-on –one with student
- Helping out with transition from elementary
- More proactive than reactive
- As much time as possible with students
- Eliminate tasks that keep counselor away from students

- Running groups
- Parent nights – calculating GPA, what they need to know in the future
- Class visits – college awareness
- Extra-curricular activities to get to know the students
- Be educators of social skills instead of managers
- Know the staff's personalities
- Know the curriculum – all areas, not just core
- Student Advocate with staff and families
- Helping parents understand and appreciate the tween years
- Career exploration