



Camden Middle School

School Improvement Team Meeting

September 21, 2015

3:30 p.m.

CMS Media Center

Attendees: Ernest Cooley, Cris Fields, Gloria Diaz, Carlise Jackson, Lykisa McCoy, Angela Noblitt, Kristin Rallis, Denise Thomas

Minutes

Agenda item: Re-evaluate School Improvement Plan

Discussion:

- Reminders to team: School Improvement Plan is a living document that must be adjusted as we grow. Every decision we make should be in the interest of what is best for the students.
- Team members were asked to discuss SIP with departments and contribute suggestions.
- Revisit SIP strategy – “Spanish instruction offered for all 8th grade students” (would require Ms. Diaz to be at CMS all day) – consider alternatives
- Technology resources (focus on Canvas and Study Island, global awareness, etc. make technology more important than ever) – how to advocate for funding
- Student Attendance – use tutoring (Cub Focus) as an alternative to Wednesday Make-Up Time for students with excessive absences (would require a calendar and organization); would be more beneficial to students as a more effective and focused way to make up missed time; would allow time to be made up earlier in the year as opposed to only after accumulating 20 absences; Mr. Cooley will take this under consideration.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Team members to discuss SIP and other items with departments	SIT members	Before October meeting

Agenda item: Live Pacing Guides/Content Meetings

Discussion:

- Reteach content if needed –adjust pacing guides in response to student need and formative assessment data
- Core subjects use provided template; others may use template as well
- 3-4 weeks of live pacing guides at content meetings

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Maintain pacing guides and provide to Ms. Fields for web site	Teachers	Content meeting

Agenda item: Progress Reports

Discussion:

Progress Reports go home September 30th. Make note to recommend tutoring as appropriate on progress reports.

Agenda item: Announcements/Other

Discussion:

- 8th Grade Dance: remain 8th grade or change to combined 7th & 8th grade dance? Would location change?
- Need 2 parents to serve on SIT (one 7th grade, one 8th grade)
- How to unify the staff at Camden Middle School? Ideas for staff events, room changes, etc. that would build unity among staff members.