

H.S. Graduation Requirements Implementation Task Force
November 4, 2008
Minutes

In attendance: Michelle Abernathy, Sherrie Brown, Linda Chapman, James Everett, Craig Funston, Maria Griggs, Bobbie Jaffe, George Kaas, Dawn Kearney, Gigi Morganti, Michael Schackel, Phyllis Textor, Lynn Torpey

- I. The meeting was held from 3:00–4:00 at Central Services in Room 212.
- II. Introductions
 - The meeting started with the group re-introducing themselves and letting each other know any changes in assignments, etc. that they wanted to share since we worked together last year.
- III. Review of Management Action Plan
 - Sherrie led the group through a review of the Management Action Plan and informed the group about progress in each section. Some highlights are:
 - Technology Connections – 2008-2009 is the last year for Technology Connections at the high school. Counselors do not have to track the fulfillment of the credits on the transcripts after this year. Technology tiers/skills are being embedded into the middle school curriculum as per NCLB. Ann Reed is working on a plan for where the skills will be embedded. Gigi Morganti and her CTE staff are working on the development of classes to replace Tech Connections as an occupational credit option. In addition, Gigi is working on equivalency crediting guidelines for CTE courses.
 - English – Jim Facciano is starting a K-12 English curriculum review and development process. He is in the process of putting together his committee and will share progress with the task force in the spring.
 - Mathematics – Work is still being done to have all eighth grade students in Algebra I. This process is in place, but there are issues with students entering high school without the requisite skills to be successful in Geometry at the high school. Finding ways to remediate students has become a concern. Jim Facciano continues to work with both middle and high school groups on these issues. TMP is looking for classes that could be used to expand options for 11th and 12th grade students. They are also looking for “Applied Algebra II” options.
 - World Language – Jim Facciano is starting a K-12 World Language curriculum review and development process. He is in the process of putting together his committee and will share progress with the task force in the spring.
- IV. Other information
 - Sherrie shared that a new Ad Hoc committee to work on aligning the middle and high school schedules is being formed. She encouraged members to apply to be members of the committee.
- V. Next meeting
 - The next meeting of the task force is scheduled for Monday, February 23 from 3:00 – 5:00.
 - Topics: Information about CORE 24, new state math graduation requirements and enrollment/staffing/budget information.