

TALC Notes for Reps
November 18, 2019

TAL: Gina, Bill, Kym, Edith, Wendy P.

District: Dr. Bowers, Lexy, Mike D., Larry, Bart, Rebecca

1. Discussion about educational vs. merit field trips. Bart reports there is board policy that students who perform below citizenship expectations can be excluded. Further discussion about raising money to fund field trips; donations can be asked for but not required. ASB can also raise funds. Teachers should not provide food; since all students can get a free lunch that is the recommended way to provide food. Bart will create a document with expectations and guidelines, as well as FAQs that will be shared with admin and Gina.
2. Bart discussed a new law signed by the government: students who are suspended for 2 or more days must be provided homework assignments upon request.
3. Bart gave an SST and speech language update. The SST process is being modified and changed, trying to eliminate Beyond SST. The district is working with a vendor to add this information to PowerSchool. The district realizes teachers can't do speech articulation intervention. Bart will share a streamlined document that is being developed for feedback.
4. Discussion about SST and the new tiered guidelines. Bart will follow up with the SST committee.
5. Discussion about formative assessment expectations. Bart shared the district's tights about the Four Questions:
 - What do we want students to learn? (essential standards)
 - How will we know if they have learned them? (team-developed common assessments)
 - What will we do if the student didn't learn? (systematic interventions)
 - What will we do if they already know it? (extended learning)
6. Gina thanked the district for the MyAccess refresher training.
7. Joshua phone lines – Larry will follow up and find out the number of active lines.
8. Discussion about students (particularly middle school) who are coming to school under the influence of marijuana. Drug tests cannot be mandated. Dr. Bowers will follow up with PSA and deputies. She also suggests getting counselors involved. Gina asked for deputies to address concerns directly.
9. Success criteria in lesson plans: Bart explains this is the same as independent practice. Bart will put together a document that explains lesson plan expectations. Gina offered to help.
10. Discussion about overcrowding at NC in upper grades; Mike reports they are hiring and interviewing as fast as they can.
11. Miller has had an influx of violence in the classrooms with students acting out; staff are concerned about being stuck in rooms with only one door. Dr. Bowers reports there will be a demo at tomorrow's board meeting for a new emergency notification system. It is an app. Gina advises teachers not to put work-related apps on their personal phone. Dr. Bowers will also send Jenny over to Miller to view classroom exit issues