

# School Improvement Team Meeting 10/5/16

**Attendance:** Ward, Ashburn, White, Loughridge, Atkinson, Young, Nunn, Rabe, Anderson, Boshoff, McCullough, Clayton, Cooper, Flood, Duncan, Smith, Mann, Scott, Crooks, Glendenning, Brown, Gresset, Owen, Flexmans

## Proposal for Daily Homeroom (White)

- 10-minute length
- Shorten each class by 4 min
- Advantages
  - Same schedule every day
  - Improved chance to build relationships with student
  - First 10 minutes of 2nd pd not lost to announcements
- Questions / Suggestions:
  - Is 10 minutes long enough to build relationships / become an advocate for students?
  - What is the Mission of homeroom? (relationships or announcements/administrative?)

## Homeroom Feedback

- Strengths
  - New kids in one space during 10-day count so that homeroom rosters stayed consistent
  - Lesson plans a great starting point for teachers who needed ideas
  - Teachers had flexibility to add to lesson plans or come up with their own
  - Students happy to see each other and HR teachers when homerooms meet
- Growth Areas
  - Little accountability for teachers (several homerooms not doing lesson plans, just 'hanging out')
  - Are students remembering the lessons even if teachers do them? What's their takeaway?
  - Get lessons out to teachers sooner so they have time to prepare/personalize them
  - Gear some lessons toward more mature students, add more depth. Upper classmen might not open up if they perceive the lesson to be juvenile or they're being "talked down" to.
    - Next year's new set of plans for 10th-12th homerooms will become 10th gr. Plans
- Ideas for future homeroom plans:
  - What's at Cary? 9th - 10th Clubs, grades
  - What's next? 11th - 12th Career / college, scholarships, transcripts, Sr. activities, caps/gowns, graduation dates, writing college essays (juniors Spring)
  - Ideas for Activities
    - Student leads a name game
    - Students interview each other, discover common interests
    - Mind Map: name in middle, info on outside, hang in classroom
    - School-wide project that students would work on while in homeroom
      - Penny war fundraiser
      - Team-building, Hands-on, so that students get to know each other
      - Spirit chain

- How to get teacher buy-in?
  - "PLT" for homeroom teachers in same grade-level to discuss lesson ideas
  - HR PLTs led by SIP team members

PD Steering Committee has been selected, started meeting last week

Next Meeting: Quarterly Review

Data:

- Discipline
- Attendance
- Report Card
- Off-cohort students