MVHS School Community Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015

In attendance:

Tim Stay	Joyce Harrison	Terri MItchell
Ryan Rocque	Doreen Robinson	Carston Walker
Anna Steadman	Belinda Talonia	Cretia Tinsley
Sally Olsen	Angela Seegmiller	

Taran Chun was unable to attend, out with a family issue today.
Jamie Sadlier will present about the English Department today.
Discussion of SAGE data
Failure rates data

Ms. Talonia talked about data. How do we make sure all students can learn?

Mrs. Sadlier:

The English department focus:
Increase ACT scores
Integrate purposeful narrative writing (for many this is the college entrance essay) even though it's not focussed on by the Common Core.
Improve SAGE performance

Obstacles:
They have seen a lot of team turnover in the past years. 19th hire in 6 years. It's hard to create a system.
Book shortages - until this year they couldn't teach the same book at the same time.

Goals:
Consensus on curriculum
Common assessments (right now they just have summative for each term and/or book which ends up being about 1 per term)
Common grade level pacing
Department-wide writing assessment - graded by a common grader

She states that they are together on assessment, some teacher collaborate more often than others. Some just after they receive the common test data.

They are still in the "create" mode, they hope to move to evaluate mode next year. They need to: align curriculum with assessments, Improve their pacing, Share best practices.

She is not sure they want a tool to help them with data. Right now they are just using Excel. They don't want to be confined by a multiple choice test.

When asked how the SCC could help:
"I don't know what to ask for." The trip to Stevenson in Chicago was great. It might be very valuable to new faculty. She didn't feel the PLC Conference was as helpful.

Tim shared SAGE Data
Pointed out that <u>MVHS is at the bottom of all three</u> (English, math and science) when compared with **all** of the other schools in our district.

This is unaceptable, yet he is confident we will see growth in the coming years on SAGE data, as we continue to implement the PLC model.

MVHS has the highest minority, ELL and Economically disadvantaged. He is convinced that parents that care will pull their kids out of MVHS. He hopes the data will motivate change.