

Building Level Planning Team
October 27, 2005

Members present: Gideon, Saxena, A., Saxena, P., Volin, Boolukos, McLoughlin, Tannenbaum, Davenport, Scales

1. In response to the proposal to allow for a public comment section, we were reminded that all meetings are open to the public.
We will publicize our meetings via the internet and paper mailings, and we will make minutes and agendas available on the high school website.
In addition, Mr. Davenport will arrange for a BLT e-mail address to be set up to receive student, faculty, and parent messages.
2. We discussed possible award processes for academic achievement and good citizenship. The discussion was tabled with the understanding that a portion of our next meeting will be designated to planning recognition procedures, awards, and criteria.
3. We discussed our current “open campus” practice. Mr. Davenport will secure a legal opinion on possible district liability for students off of campus. The discussion was tabled with the understanding that a portion of our next meeting would be designated to drafting an open campus proposal for the high school.
4. We postponed our discussion of computer hardware upgrades and a mentor program until our next meeting.
5. We discussed the range and usefulness of different assembly programs, in anticipation of our new auditorium. We decided the BLT would act as a “clearinghouse” or filter for various proposals. We will draft criteria for useful school assemblies during our next meeting.
6. We reviewed the shared decision making policy and description of the BLT. We decided to change the word “decisions” to recommendations on page 3. We will read the document a second time at the next meeting.
7. Mr. Davenport proposed implementing a student survey to measure student engagement and interest in their academics. We discussed the uses of such a survey. Ms. Volin asked what the accreditation status of the school is, and we wondered if an accreditation process might serve as a better measurement of the “state of the school.” Mr. Davenport will verify our status.
8. Due to time constraints, we postponed our discussion of progress report comments.
9. We adjourned at 5:40 p.m.
10. Our next meeting will take place at 4:00 p.m. on December 1.