

Mattole Valley Charter School
Siskiyou County Independent Study Teacher Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 19, 2011 1:00 PM
Diamond View Learning Center

1. What's New:

- Calendar most current official calendar
- T-Dap Information: whooping cough required, wide spread, If parents sign waiver, student isn't immunized and there is an outbreak, students won't be allowed to attend learning centers. Pam passed out information, personal belief exemption, frequently asked questions for parents,
- Review of retentions and promotions procedures:
 - a. When retaining a student: look at birthday and where they are socially as well as academically
 - b. When student has been previously retained and is still failing, call a student study team. Call Mitch Block.
 - c. Promotion form is used if a student is skipping a grade
 - d. When looking at a three year graduate, look at procedure for 3 year graduate policy on the website or forms disk. Students can graduate as an 11th grader so they don't need to be promoted. The requests for retention, promotion or 3 year graduation, paperwork goes through Pam.
 - e. Incomplete procedure. It is preferable to give students credit for work completed, even if that is less than 5 credits, than an incomplete on the report card. If you give an incomplete students have 60 days to turn in their work and for teachers to turn in amended report card.
- Special Ed Procedure: Learning centers and Independent Study programs may be charged back for each Special Ed student services. Centers may be charged \$800 to \$900 per student and Independent Study may be charged \$400 per student.
- Restructuring for 2011-2012: Richard and Aleida have been talking with centers. Huge changes: Cathy, Pam, Gwen have all been laid off, and their positions will no longer exist at MVCS. One learning record checker and some support staff has also been laid off for reconfiguration of jobs and salaries. Richard plans to run the charter school, but many of next year's plans will be revealed at a later date. None of these proposed changes are in stone.
- Elluminate and Humboldt ES Meeting is on Friday at 2:00. We are broadcasting it on Elluminate so everyone can attend.

2. Graduation Update:

High School Grad: Kirk, Dawn, Barbara discussing this morning, Barbara's is M.C for grad.; June 12, 3:00 Ford Theatre College of Siskiyou, students at 1:00 for rehearsal; Kirk doing music, Dawn doing Rose ceremony; Linda & Barbara will do cakes; Kirk is doing pictures;

4-H group is cutting and serving cakes; Send Kirk list of all students to include winter grads.

Rebecca's students who will be signing.

Dawn has 2 students who will be speaking:

Carroll has 2 students will speaking:

Guitar program "Every Rose has a Thorn."

Eureka H.S. Grad: June 3rd.

ELEMENTARY GRADUATION:

6:00, June 8th; potluck dinner provided by graduating families at Diamond View. Potential graduates 16. Balloons ceremony by graduates whereby they write a goal or wish and the balloons are released.

3. Fundraising Update (donuts!): Not as big as last year, basically an economy issue.

4. General Sharing: XXX

5. Reports about the last few months of school:

Mt. Shasta: Kirk, Dawn, Bill, Claudia, Megan

Diamond View : Barbara, Debbie, Rebecca, Linda

Dunsmuir: Barbara

Independent Study ESs—Annie, Carroll, Jane, Darlene, Char, Valerie

Jane: Left school when it was in good shape; got opportunity in life to assume more responsibility; and came back to MVCS. Students have struggled and gotten better. Most students came in, in really bad shape but, it was hard coming in with everyone being so upset, and student budgets; had no budgets for books. It's been hard, and the parents are concerned. The students are fun and she enjoys all of them.

Rebecca, Diamond View: Tina Young, parent, volunteers twice monthly with elementary student enrichment. Rebecca has created a photo journal of these activities. Students were provided an opportunity to see how a snake eats (mice); showed alligator heads, brought chickens to class. Husband participated with showing harmonica. High school student brought in baby goats. One parent came to class and showed ballet. Field Trip planned for Turtle Bay.

Char: Is working with younger students, first and fourth grade. Ideal parents, participating with outdoor activities by students. Kirk suggested, Home school Super Center. One Jr. High graduate and one high school graduate.

Megan: Students volunteering at humane society weekly; bike riding in group. They went to Turtle Bay with parent.

Kirk: Khan Academy, online free program. Access on U-Tube or website. Teachers in Colorado began recording their lectures, to post online for students to watch while sick, at ballgames, etc.

Pam: Pam met the founder of this organization and has signed up MVCS to be a pilot school for Khan Academy. Khan Academy videos are available to our students now by visiting their website at khanacademy.com. Their math program goes from K – College calculus in a very comprehensive and teacher friendly way. You should all go and check it out and begin using this to supplement your lessons in math, but it is a full curriculum, as well. Also available are classes in chemistry, biology, other sciences, and world history.

Val: Student volunteering in Arcata hospital, strength and character grade 11.

Barbara: Positive happenings at Diamond View. Beginning of year, Life Touch Photographers. Included all teachers of Siskiyou County. Home school students can coordinate with local schools to go in for picture day. Students read more novels this year with a lot more of writing emphasis.

Carroll: AIP paperwork, set samples in beginning of year; test same samples at end of year. Students have been working in all labs and being successful in labs and Star and CAHSEE testing. 100 percent attendance and participation in both STAR and CAHSEE.

Deb Davis: Students are doing fine. The math classes have gone well. Algebra 1A & Algebra 1B have been successful this year.