

Southern Garrett High School SIT
October 19, 2015

Members Present:

Jamie Beeman	David Bender	Loren Bowser
Lauren Frick	Larry Krupa	Andrea Sessa
Ltc. Ralph Sheaffer	Beverly Sincell	Robin Spiker
Kim Sweitzer	MacKenzie Swift	Athena Wilson
Ryan Wolf	William Grant	

Mr. Jim Maddy convened the meeting at 3:35 p.m. The group reviewed and approved the September SIT meeting minutes

PARCC Testing Update -

Andrea Sessa informed the English 9 and Geometry PARCC exams will not be conducted this year. Alg. IB, Eng. 10 and Alg. II will run, but will not count for graduation.

She gave a brief run down of assessment graduation requirements for each class.

She mentioned she was uncertain when PARCC scores from last year will be released, but expects them sometime this Fall. She noted that there is a new website to provide information for parents: understandthescore.org.

Ms. Sessa also explained that groups taking courses this Fall that are linked with the PARCC will take the exam in two separate sittings, but students taking those courses in the Spring will have only one sitting for the entire exam. She also discussed some upcoming changes in assessments for students who qualify for alternative testing. She shared with the group that a new app will be available which will allow students to log themselves in for the exams.

There was some discussion concerning testing schedule and different ways juniors and seniors can meet assessment requirements for graduation.

Rachel's Challenge

Mr. Maddy reminded the group of the upcoming Nov. 9 presentation for the student body and the community involving the Rachel's Challenge Program. He also stated that a club for students would be formed with the purpose of raising awareness and supporting increases of acts of kindness.

School Message Board

Mr. Maddy expressed his hope to purchase an electronic message board for the outside marquee. He asked for help in fund raising activities to raise \$10,000 for a sign. The Bd. Of Ed. will pay for the remaining costs. Mr. Grant offered to discuss the matter at the Alumni Association meeting.

After School Tutoring

Mr. Maddy noted that there have been requests for after school tutoring. He explained the challenges in managing funds to provide a variety of remediation efforts in the school. He requested that teachers interested in after school tutoring email him.

Half day staff development–

Mr. Maddy talked with the group about his goals for the staff development half days this year. He noted that the next staff development would include a presentation on preparedness for health emergencies the School Nurse and Ms. Strosnider health emergencies and the process for student health needs on field trips. The staff development will also involve a presentation from the drug task force . He added that training in Schoolnet continues to be a need. The group discussed the concerns about entering exams in Schoolnet.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.