

Kenmore West HSA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Science Department

- 8th grade piloting new program
- Living Environment/Earth Science piloting new program
- Chemistry/Physics – no pilots, seeing what is out there
- Looking for a spot for a small greenhouse on campus
- Science Olympiad – new tech person hired on board with the department
- Safety net for Regents is over

IB Department (Mary White – IB, Link Crew, Community Club)

- October 12th is IB Night
- In May, 25 students as Seniors and 15 diplomas
- History and Physics – well above world average
- This year there are 15 Seniors and 25 Juniors
- Kenmore East program ended due to numbers

English Department

- English has a piece of the School Improvement Plan
- Data rollout (6 years tracked data)
 - o Vocabulary is a big issue
 - o Understanding and interpreting words/phrases
- Pilot program to strengthen vocabulary
- Focused on argument writing on Regents
- 93% passing rate on English Regents
- Piloting 9th/10th grade with a Portfolio and Reflection of 3 works

Administration Report

- Big focus centered on the Pulse Results
 - o Community Building
 - o Community Circles: Every student is assigned to a circle (mixed by grade, etc.)
 - o Connection Weeks once a month
 - o 8th grade meets with Link Crew
- Attendance: State says that 10% or more school days missed is chronically absent (KW is around 89%)
- Graduation: at risk students
- Math/ELA
- Capital Projects
 - o Making progress with single point of entry, water lines
- Homecoming Events
 - o Spirit Week
 - o Bonfire
 - o Float Decorating/Parade
 - o Game
 - o Dance
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: doing them sooner this year
- Used open gate with the students (security)

Miscellaneous

- Dance Tickets – affordable to students (how can we make affordable for all?)
- Students can go to guidance if they are in need
- Make sure it's noted where dance funds are going
- Looking into Kenmore/TOT Police donations