

May 3, 2011/ Summary of the Dept Chair Meeting today...

* Doug wants to move closer to “strive to have a common approach to all grading practices” via the Ken O’Connor conference. See the attached handout. Each of the 15 points is actually a full chapter in O’Connor’s book *A Repair Kit for Grading*.

* Mat R will be emailing student handbook changes to us. He has worked hard at really revamping the whole handbook. We’ll get a copy of the old one and the new one.

* Our staff meeting next Wednesday will be at 6:30 am and will involve all staff including custodial and office and paraprofessional. It will be centered on NCA stuff.

* Budget concerns are still up in the air. Doug has some high school budget \$ left from this year, but he anticipates a 20% to 25% cut to what he will get for supplies, books, etc. for next year.

* The Tech Ed job (Dave Stevens) is posted and Doug will narrow candidates down to 5ish or so, but he will not interview anyone until he knows if this position will be a go or not. He will notify candidates of this.

* We will have 113 special ed students in the building next year (103 this year) which will necessitate hiring a new full-time special ed position at the hs.

* Doug guarantees he will *not* know the full staffing picture or what each of our teaching assignments will be by the end of the year. We will know as soon as he does.

* Doug will not reveal the names of the pink slipped teachers. There was some discussion on this. Mat R will return to the classroom next year and all administrators have had their contracts “reworked.”

That’s what I know.

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