

Broad Based Planning Team
October 21, 2004
Minutes

Attended by:

Dr. Vicki Vaughn, Challenge Program Coordinator, Edgelea Elementary Principal
Mrs. MaryMargaret Foreman, Counselor, Challenge Program Building Coordinator,
Tecumseh Middle School
Mr. Jim Lilley, Counselor, Challenge Program Building Coordinator, Sunnyside Middle
School
Mr. Gary Christlieb, Challenge Program Building Coordinator, Jeff High School, AP
Government
Mr. Chuck Herber, Jeff High School, English Honors 12

Dr. Vaughn welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the March Broadbased Planning meeting were distributed. No correction was noted. Dr. Vaughn opened discussion for the meeting with item two on the agenda, Student enrollment: Tecumseh and Sunnyside. Information was distributed showing the fall enrollment for both buildings at each grade level and program level. Both middle schools have the Challenge level and Tecumseh has the added Excel tier at each grade level. The additional level at Tecumseh was to serve students that had participated in the elementary program and were placed in a south end location and were more than one grade level accelerated. One problem noted from the Tecumseh staff is that on occasion students have qualified and started in the Excel level of the Challenge Program and then have made a change to the Challenge level, not for academic reasons but for the desire to stay at Tecumseh. This has placed a numbers burden on some of the Tecumseh Challenge sections. There is also the addition of siblings of Excel students that attend Tecumseh that adds to this issue. Although these are very real concerns, the knowledge that the LSC School Board has formed a Task Force to examine our present school population and distribution may yield possible solutions to this problem. The planning team will follow the developments from the Task Force. The Task Force is to be completed by March or April of 2005.

Dr. Vaughn shared with the team members that she was working on a committee at the state level that has been working on a statewide identification plan. She also mentioned that in January the state should have completed its work on state standards for gifted education.

Gary Christlieb is concerned about the number of grade 8 students, identified Excel, that are now attending Honors Biology at Jeff that received progress reports. Other team members were also aware of some students having difficulty. There are presently 13 students taking this class that are grade 8 Excel students. Concerns as to the structure of the class and how this works with some students were discussed as were the pre-requisite that the students received in the summer. This discussion will continue.

The next meeting will be January 26, 2005. Dr. Vaughn thanked everyone for their time and interest. Meeting adjourned.