

When Students Lead Meeting Notes #2
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Notes/Takeaways:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Goal activity- *What are our individual goals for the year? What are some goals that we have for the committee?*
- Survey discussion topics
 - Discipline System
 - Access to Resources
 - Relationship with other Students
 - Relationships with faculty and teachers
 - Mental Health
- Exact survey questions to come, for survey that will be distributed district wide

When Students Lead Survey Discussion

Discipline System

- Minor things can be blown out of proportion and often times given harsher punishments
- In School Suspension is not always taken seriously
 - ISS takes away from valuable classroom time that at times is hard to gain back
- Interaction with adults in the hallway is met with a hostile, policing approach as opposed to a welcoming one
 - The middle school does not have security guards

Access to Resources

- Those in the high school have found easy access to resources such as the Forum, the Guidance office, and more.
- Permission to talk to school personnel when experiencing something personal is much harder on the middle level, but much easier in the high school
- Some of the resources (books, etc) are in scarcity and not updated with the current times

Relationships with Students

- There is a certain aura that has been established where students that have been prone to taking higher level classes are judged negatively for taking higher level classes by those who have been prone to taking higher level classes.

Relationships with Faculty/Students

- How a teacher interacts with a student's friend can possibly have the potential to alter the way that the student interacts with their teacher
- The level of care for students appears to be departmentalized such as the Humanities and English department cares more about the students and less so the Math and Science department.
- Some teachers put more emphasis on the student as opposed to the content whereas some teachers put more emphasis on the content than the student

Mental Health

- Mental health is not a priority and with the extreme amount of homework mental health is hard to make a priority
- If given the chance to take the day off most students would not take the day off because of fear of further falling behind