

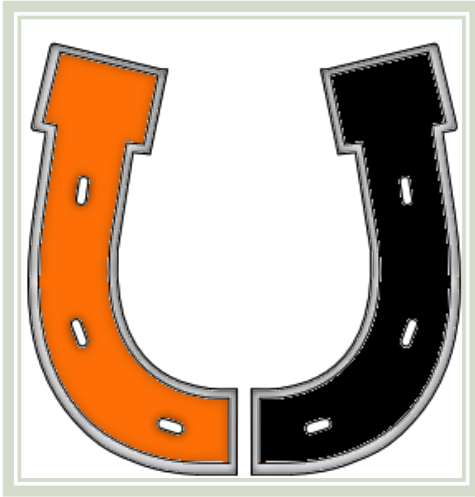


**SENIOR, WEST, SKYVIEW
ACADEMY TRANSITION**

Spring 2011

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SENIOR AND WEST HIGH



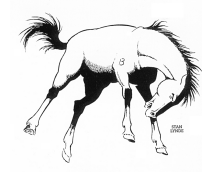
- Off campus academies began in 2003
- Goals:
 - Alleviate overcrowding
 - Provide quality 9th grade transition
 - Create Smaller Learning Communities at both Academies and main buildings

EDUCATIONAL MOVE

- Welcome staff and continue to support staff and students through challenges of change
- Commonalities of schools:
 - PLC (Professional Learning Community)
 - SLC (Smaller Learning Community) environment
 - Academy Houses
 - Goal: common planning time
 - Goal: replicate the Academy environment



2011-2012 TIMELINE: SENIOR

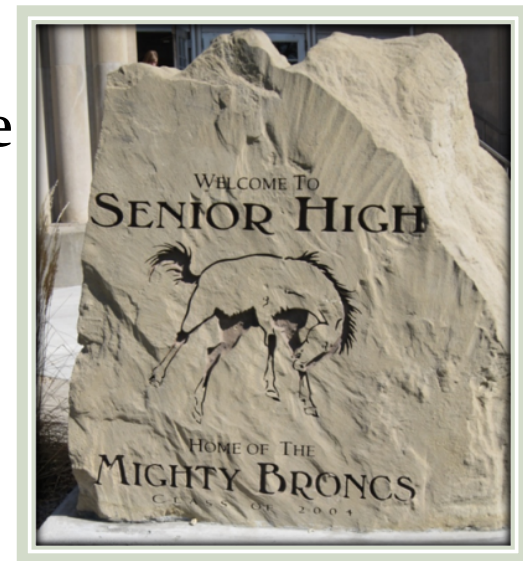


- March 2011: Staff members formed academy transition teams
 - Voluntary committees to ease challenges of transition
 - Members met on a weekly basis

- April 4, 2011:
 - Morning: Faculty listened to Ken Williams, from the Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute
 - Afternoon: Faculty attended break-out sessions regarding three aspects of the impending move:
 - Physical move needs
 - Emotional move needs
 - Educational move needs

2011-2012 TIMELINE: SENIOR

- April: continued Academy Relocation Meetings:
 - Established logistics of physical move of 12 classrooms from Lincoln Center to main Senior High building
 - Created four proposals for SLC design at Senior High, allowed staff input and suggestions at PIR meetings
 - Surveyed staff for PLC assignments and interest





2011-2012 TIMELINE: SKYVIEW

- February 8-9, 2011: Early Out Days: Staff met in groups and designed what they envisioned the 9th grade SLC

- March 7, 2011: Department heads met to discuss SLC plan
 - Location: Northwest area on 2nd floor (228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233)

- April 4, 2011:
 - Morning: Faculty listened to Ken Williams, from the Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute
 - Afternoon: Faculty met as departments and read selected pages from the books *Whatever It Takes* and *How Professional Learning Communities Respond When Kids Don't Learn*. Completed worksheet and answered questions titled "Questions to Guide the Work of Your Professional Learning Community"

2011-2012 TIMELINE: SKYVIEW

- April 6, 2011: Teachers were notified who will teach in the SLC
- April 2011: Arrangements made for teachers who will be moving to different rooms
- April 26, 2011: SLC/Ninth Grade Academy discussed at PAC
- May 2011: SLC/Ninth Grade Academy will be posted on Skyview's website



2011-2012 TIMELINE: WEST



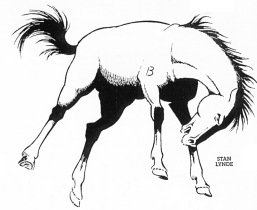
- February 2011: Administration shared professional conversation with current Academy staff regarding the possibility of moving back to the home building for the 2011-12 school year. The same discussion was held with department leaders during monthly faculty council meeting.
- March 2011: Academy Transition Team formed (administration and staff) Discussion included:
 - Where: location of the main West High building best suited to replicate and enhance the 9th grade Academy concept
 - What: academic subjects offered in the 9th grade Academy to maximize this opportunity for all 9th grade students
 - Who: additional staff needed with the expansion of the Academy

2011-2012 TIMELINE: WEST

- April 2011: Continued discussion with transitional team
 - With member input the decision was made to relocate the Academy to the 2nd floor of West High
- May 2011: Continued plans for transition, including teaching assignments; moving furniture, books, technology, and professional teaching materials

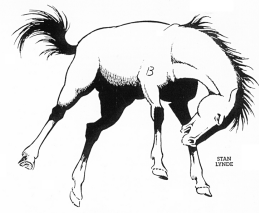


UPCOMING EVENTS



- June 9-11, 2011: A team of teachers and administrators will attend a conference, “Professional Learning Communities at Work”
 - Build capacity of staff to function as a PLC
 - Use PLC process to sustain continuous school improvement
 - Create a focus on learning
 - Develop a system of interventions and enrichment for all students
 - Create a collaborative culture
 - Use evidence of student learning to inform and improve professional practices
 - Build consensus for change

UPCOMING EVENTS



- August 24, 2011: First day of school for 9th graders. Students will:
 - Be welcomed to their buildings
 - Have an opportunity to meet junior and senior mentors
 - Report to their assigned classes to get a feel for their high school experience
 - Feel comfortable and confident regarding their transition to high school

SLC/PLC PLANS: 2011-2012

- PLCs at 9th grade level:
 - Senior:
 - 9th: English, Earth Science, math, PE/Health
 - Two teams: regular and honors (Platinum Program)
 - Skyview:
 - 9th: English, Earth Science, math, PE/Health
 - West:
 - 9th: English, Earth Science, math, PE/Health, Spanish, Special Education