**Continuous School Improvement**

**Guiding Questions:**

1. Is our mission statement guiding our classroom instruction and decision making?
2. Does Navigation 101 support our school mission statement?

**Team:**

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**Commendations:**

Mission

* The staff is upbeat!
* Evidence of effective instruction, positive climate, established rapport, and HSPE scores that show it.
* Kudos for participation in the Evergreen Math Project.
* Positive student and staff relationships are evident (lunch time, hallway interactions, positive interactions, first name basis, etc).
* Students feel supported by staff in their learning…this is evident through conversations with students….there is lots of community….there is a comfortable, safe feeling…pro-student.

Navigation 101

* WHS has established dedicated time for Navigation 101 activities.
* WHS has organized students w/advisors.
* WHS has decided to access Navigation 101 curriculum.
* Students and staff are aware of Navigation 101 and the purpose.
* Navigation 101 is an opportunity to advise and prepare students for life after high school.

Mission Quotes- Is our mission statement guiding our classroom instruction and decision making?

“During passing time, teachers stand in the all and talk to students.”

“I think the kids like the school, teachers and principals.”

“Yes”

“I feel challenged in every class, and my teachers care about me as an individual.”

“To graduate and make sure we pass all of our classes and understand what we are learning.”

“Most of us want to do well at school and there is less skipping than before.”

“I think the school is set up for the students to be successful….everyone has the same opportunity it just depends if the individual students take advantage of the opportunity.”

“The mission is to make sure all the kids graduate on time….help us prosper into good American citizen.”

“Small community….feel like I can talk to anybody…they (staff) want us to feel like friends. Even the principal will joke around.”

“I really appreciate being included in the decision-making.”

“John is willing to try anything…he is open to change.”

**Recommendations:**

Mission

* In an interest to promote the next stage of learning, have the teachers’ names and their college alma mater on each classroom door.
* Be intentional with OT procedures and purpose and include as many stakeholders as possible (student leadership, newsletter, website, etc).
* Inform all stakeholders with the mission of Woodland HS (student leadership must be involved in teaching the mission to the student body).
* OT appears to be effective for some but frustrating for others; if it is unstructured it is considered an inefficient use of time for those who need it most.
* Generate ways to build useful community involvement in promoting the mission of WHS.
* Have Leadership classes come up with ways of promoting the mission within/among the student body.

Navigation 101

* As a staff, build an understanding of the purpose and why is Navigation 101 is important.
* Collaborate staff, students and parents/community about the current status of WHS students after high school.

Quotes-Does Navigation 101 support our school mission statement?

“I think it is kind of pointless. It has to have career goal paper, but I don’t have goals.”

“It is supposed to help for college , but the binder isn’t useful….it gets repetitive.”

“Don’t really like it….teachers tell us to put papers into binder.”

“It’s a joke……I don’t think it should’ve started this way.”

“I think Navigation is worthless.”

“I don’t think it supports the mission statement, I don’t see the point of it, no meat in it, no credit.”

“To learn about different options after high school…it helps a lot!”

“A lot of us care about school and want to go to college.”

“We use a computer and go through lessons and it gives us ways to figure out what we want to do when we get out of high school.”

“Navigation 101 supports the school’s mission….especially toward the graduation piece.”