

**Centennial Middle School**  
**SIP Minutes**  
**1:00 p.m. Sixth Grade Conference Room**  
**December 14, 2011**

Present:

Pam Bagosy, Parent  
Maria Latham, Parent  
Michael Keller, Parent  
Lisa Welch, Teacher  
Jennifer Barshaw, Teacher  
Rachelle Kalbfleisch, Teacher  
Nancy Horvat, Support Staff  
Derrek Ross, Assistant Principal  
Bill Pearson, Superintendent  
Dave Phillips, Principal

**I. Announcements**

- The band and choir concerts were excellent this year. Very well attended. A discussion focused on attendance beyond the capacity of our venues. The choir concerts have moved to the high schools. Even so, we have had to make plans to adhere to fire codes. Several suggestions will be revisited next fall. These include: Simulcast arrangements as we did this year, selling limited numbers of tickets to families, and hiring high school students to watch over young siblings.
- The EXPLORE test was administered to all eighth grade students. Results should be in late January or early February.
- With Tricia VanOrd stepping down from the SIP, it was presented at the December PTO meeting we will need a parent to replace her. The vacancy will be announced on the Parent to Parent email loop. If any CMS parents have questions about the SIP position, they should contact principal Dave Phillips. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest to Kari Peruski, PTO President at CMS.
- The first CMS Red Wings Night will take place on February 17. Pam Bagosy reported it was no hassle fund raiser with good results, over 170 tickets were sold. GO WINGS!!
- 31 A, At Risk funds will be used to staff a new full time Social Worker. Kristina Hughes has been offered the position and will begin her role on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Office TBD.
- A Code Green drill was conducted on December 7. All students and staff moved to their secure locations. Excellent drill.
- The CMS Student Council will begin second semester. Christina Cibrario and Brenton Montie will be co-sponsors.
- An inquiry was made about a STAND chapter at CMS. It is has been several years since there was a chapter at CMS. Schedule C does not list STAND as a supported activity.

**II. Upcoming Events**

Winter Break December 19 – January 2

Spelling Bee – January 12

Eighth Grade Jigsaw – January 13

Exam Week- January 24-26

**III. School Improvement/NCA-Update**

- The Quality Assurance Report (QAR) progress report was submitted to the NCA offices on December 1, 2011. The report provides AdvancEd with an update on our progress on

the two action items, mission statement and engaging stakeholders. The report noted significant progress on the mission statement (completed). The report also noted progress on the second action item regarding stakeholders.

- Derrek Ross presented the recently completed surveys that will be utilized as a response to second action item noted in our QAR report. Sample staff, parent and student (separate secondary and elementary) surveys were provided to the SIP for review. Data received from the surveys will be utilized to obtain stakeholder perceptions of CMS and the district.
- Jennifer Barshaw provided a brief description of the Charger Reading Challenge. Like the Charger Writing Challenge, the entire staff facilitates scheduled activities in each of their classrooms. The data obtained provides direction for the staff to make building wide adjustments in developing reading strategies for students.
- Kent Lake second grade teachers, Jan Schoeff and Katy Trzaskos were invited to share their experiences with the Promethean Board technology at a recent CMS staff meeting.

#### **IV. Budget Discussion**

- CMS has retained over \$9000 in carryover funding from last year's budget. The savings were attributed to fewer guest teacher costs and reduction in copy costs (both sides).
- PTO's budget includes a healthy balance for potential support for CMS. Discussions have been initiated for potential requests.

#### **V. Code of Conduct/ Restorative Updates**

- A team comprised of CMS/MMS staff recently attended a two day Bullying Conference at Oakland Schools. A full report on the conference and recommendations from those who attended will be provided at a future SIP Meeting,
- Sayre is sponsoring an evening bullying awareness (cyber bullying) presentation on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Kari Peruski, CMS PTO president will contact Sayre principal, Jennifer Murphy to discuss partnering with the CMS PTO to promote and host the event.
- There was follow-up discussion to the cheating language in the Code of Conduct. A suggestion was that examples could be provided with a statement, "...including but not limited to the following." The secondary buildings will be meeting early in January to address additional edits, and deletions to the code.

#### **VI. Old Business**

- The NJHS advisors from MMS/CMS will be meeting during exam week.

#### **VII. New Business**

A copy of an email message was provided to the SIP from Katharine Barr, the Co-founder of a lobbying organization, Communities for Local Control. The goal of the organization is to form an active parent network across Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties with parent representatives from each district.

#### **VIII. Parking Lot**

Staff is concerned about parents using the staff/visitor parking lot as a drop off area. Parent to Parent email will be used to try to deter the traffic.

**Next meeting: January 18, 2012**