

Dolsen Elementary School

SIP Meeting Minutes

1-9-12

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Call to order - Members present: Mrs. Goodmoot, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Otten, Mrs. Dashner, Mrs. Nieto, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Steward

HOM – January’s featured Habit of Mind is Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations. Lunch with the principal will be held on January 26th. Mrs. Goodmoot reported that this year in order to increase student ownership, we are having the students nominate the classroom winners. This will further instill the HOM in students as they will have to apply what they witness in the class to the HOM

Spelling Bee: Dolsen’s Spelling Bee is scheduled for February 15th and the district’s Bee will be March 1st. More information will be published in a future Discovery Newsletter. Mrs. Goodmoot reported that we will need volunteers to run the spelling bee and Mrs. Dashner and Mrs. Otten offered to help.

Jump Rope for Heart: Mrs. Goodmoot explained the Jump Rope for Heart program that will run from February 13th to the 17th. There will be a short assembly for students on January 26th with a representative from the organization.

Learning Gizmos: Our family math night will be held on February 8th from 6:30 – 7:30 with Learning Gizmos. Mrs. Weakland is chairing this event. Training for the games will begin at 5:30 on that day. More information will be published in the Discovery.

Restorative Circle: Debbie Little who worked for the district doing Restorative Practice for MMS has visited our fifth grade students. She held a circle to discuss preventative actions to address bullying. She will hold additional circles with grade levels throughout the year. This expense will fall under the assemblies that PTO is hosting for our school.

School Improvement: Mrs. Goodmoot reported on Differentiating Instruction and Student Engagement as a requirement of our NCA accreditation. We will also be addressing our Mission and Vision Statements this year.

Tri County Parent Network: Mrs. Goodmoot handed out an e-mail she received from Michigan Communities for Local Control. It is a parent network that will lobby for unified parent input in regards to education.

State of Oakland County Schools Address: Mrs. Goodmoot passed out a flyer advertising a seminar covering a “Comprehensive View of Education in our Country”. This seminar is being held at Oakland Schools and will be directed by Dr. Vickie Markavitch, Superintendent of Oakland Schools on January 25th at 7:00 p.m. The information may include the states plan to host a national test in place of Michigan’s annual MEAP test to move toward a more uniform national education assessment. Mrs. Goodmoot also explained that with the state’s new MEAP cut scores they will be offering to compare last year’s scores using this year’s cut scores. With this we should be able to more clearly understand our growth as compared to last year. She also suggested watching a video about the new cut scores which can be viewed at <http://www.mistreamnet.com/vidflv.php?who=resa121611>

Next Year Kindergarten: In anticipation of South Lyon hosting all day kindergarten next year, we are preparing to equip two additional kindergarten rooms. The district is also considering keeping one part time class at Bartlett if there is enough parental interest.

Charter Schools: The legislation uncapping Charter and Virtual schools has passed. Mrs. Dashner asked if we could get more information on the differences between Charter and public schools and the requirements held for each. Mrs. Goodmoot explained some of the differences to SIP.

Meeting Schedule: October 10, November 14, December 13, January 9, February 6, March 12, April 17, May 22