

# *Dolsen Elementary School*

## *SIP Meeting Minutes*

*12-13-11*

*Mrs. Megan Goodemoot,  
Principal  
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**Call to order - Members present:** Mrs. Goodemoot, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Otten, Mrs. Dashner, Mrs. Steward

**Members Absent:** Mrs. Nieto, Mrs. Stephenson

**Guest:** Dr. Pearson

**HOM** – December's featured Habit of Mind is Striving for Accuracy. Lunch with the principal will be held on Dec. 16th.

**School Improvement/NCA:** Mrs. Goodemoot explained what staff members are doing to address our QAR required actions. All teachers are posting learning goals in the core subject areas and instituting ways for students to track and reflect on their learning. We are addressing differentiation of all learners through use of the workshop model. We will be addressing our mission and vision statement in the spring to feed forward into next year.

**District NCA Meeting:** Mrs. Goodemoot and Mrs. Otten recapped the district NCA meeting that they attended. MEAP cut scores were explained. Credentialing plan criteria was discussed. During the district NCA meeting staff members listened to a webinar addressing changes at the state level.

**Title One:** As a Title One school we are able to offer instructional support in the classroom to students who qualify based on academic criteria. We have hired teachers who are "pushing in" to the classroom for a total of two and a half days per week until the end of the school year. Mrs. Goodemoot reported that we will not qualify for Title One targeted assistance next year.

**Charter Schools:** Mrs. Goodemoot reported on a podcast about legislation being presented to lift the cap on charter and virtual schools. Currently there is a cap limiting the amount of charter schools in the state of Michigan. Unintended consequences can arise from the influx of unregulated educational facilities. (i.e. unprepared students returning to public schools, students being solicited to private schooling and then returning to public schooling after funding has been distributed.)

**Parent Network:** Mrs. Goodemoot reported that she has received an e-mail from a parent organization that is creating a parent network to take ideas to Lansing regarding education. She will forward the information to parents on SIP.

**Ludden Fund Raiser:** A Destination Imagination team is hosting a fund raiser for the Ludden Family. Mr. Ludden, who was a Dolsen parent, passed away unexpectedly before Thanksgiving. Leo's Coney Island in New Hudson will donate 100% of their profits earned on December 22, 2011 from 4:00 – 9:00 pm. The DI team is also running a can/bottle drive the same day. We sent home a flyer about the fund raiser and have also posted on the parent web site.

**National Common Core Curriculum:** The district is working toward a national common core curriculum which is steering the state toward national standards. The MEAP test will adjust to encompass these standards.

**Curriculum Nights:** We discussed how the staff will be presenting curriculum at our open house evenings to better educate parents on how we are teaching in the classroom. We will be explaining our workshop model so parents can understand how students actively construct learning in the classroom.

**Bathroom Painting:** Mrs. Pennington reported that she has been in touch with the Taylors who painted the lower el bathrooms. They will start planning the upper el bathrooms after the first of the year.

**Orchestra Instruction:** Mrs. Otten reported that she is talking with a high school string musician who might be capable and willing to run a workshop to teach the students about stringed instruments. The student will be submitting a proposal to Mrs. Otten for Mrs. Goodemoot to review.

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