



Dolsen Elementary School

SIP Meeting Minutes

9-19-11

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

Introductions - Mrs. Goodemoot introduced the new members to the SIP committee. Mrs. Chelsea Otten, music teacher and Mrs. Heather Dashner, parent. She also reported on each new staff member who was hired this year.

New School Rules - Mrs. Goodemoot explained our new school rules that have been developed to create a common language and set of expectations for all students at Dolsen. Our new school rules are:

We Are Dolsen

We Take Care of Ourselves.

We Take Care of Each Other.

We Take Care of Our School.

We Are Ready to Learn!

New Dismissal Procedure - Mrs. Goodemoot explained our new dismissal procedure wherein the parents meet in the gym, show their id (which has to match the emergency card or written note), and receive a popsicle stick showing the number of children they will be leaving with. This procedure ensures the safety of our students and has been used successfully by other schools. Our parents have given favorable responses. Mrs. Nieto asked that the outside doors be open to parents at 3:45. Mrs. Goodemoot reminded parents to supervise children for their safety.

School Improvement/NCA – Mrs. Goodemoot reported that we will be starting a new AdvancEd cycle as we received our accreditation last spring. In this cycle we will be working toward revising the mission statement to align with the district's vision, engaging all students through differentiated instruction, and researching and implementing alternative instructional strategies to develop real world application and higher order thinking skills. We have purchased the book Good to Great on the recommendation of Dr. Schmeichel and the visiting team. The staff will hold a book study, as a starting point.

Smart Boards – Mrs. Goodemoot reported that the SMART boards have been installed in all K-5 classrooms and staff received training prior to the start of the school year. They will receive at least one more in-service in Nov and the possibility of another in March. PTO has offered to help support non curricular expenses this year as we have spent all our carryover and budgeted a portion of this year's budget for the SMART board purchases.

School Spirit – We now have a new common dolphin for our mascot and will begin using it on all correspondence and items representing Dolsen. PTO is going to organize T-shirts. Mrs. Otten is working with the students to write a school song. We discussed holding monthly spirit days on popcorn day.

Bathrooms - Mrs. Pennington reported that the bathroom decorating has been completed in the lower elementary bathrooms thanks to volunteers Mr. and Mrs. (Billy and Leslie) Taylor and several other families.

Courtyard – Mrs. McGuire, first grade teacher, has taken responsibility for organizing support to maintain our courtyard. She, along with PTO parent, Sarah Jones, organized a weekend clean-up effort. The committee discussed marking the flower beds to show which classroom they belong to.

Lockers – Mrs. Nieto brought a concern from Mrs. Schultz's kindergarten parents on the lack of lockers for her students. Mrs. Goodemoot will explore alternative options. She has discussed this issue with Mrs. Schultz prior to the start of the school year. If the state passes an all day every day kindergarten program, we will research a long term solution.

Music Concerts – Mrs. Otten would like to explore moving our music concerts to South Lyon East High School and combine grade levels. The committee discussed and supported this change.

Year Book – Mrs. Nieto asked the committee to vote on the year book cover for this school year. She is researching a location for teachers to send student pictures for the year book.

Meeting Schedule - Our meeting schedule is as follows and all meetings will be at 4:15 in our conference room.

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