

Kent Lake Elementary  
SIP Minutes-January 26, 2012

**Members present:** Dennis Callovi-teacher, Kim Dancer-principal, Linda Kinneer-teacher, Karen Miller-parent, Brook Morris-teacher, Ann Randolph-teacher, Katie Schulz-parent, Michelle Verdier-parent, Kelly White-support staff

**Introductions:** Mrs. Dancer introduced Dr. Pearson as a guest at the meeting. She also introduced Kelly White as the new support staff representative to the SIP team.

School improvement goals and information:

**Schoolyard Habitat:** Mrs. Dancer shared the proposed location of the Schoolyard Habitat is the northwest side of the building between the baseball field and the bus loop.

**Video on the New MEAP Cut Scores:** The SIP team watched a video that provides a look at the new State of Michigan cut scores for the MEAP and MME tests. It explores how they've been applied, how they may impact schools and students, and the concepts of career and college readiness. The video can be found at the following website:

<http://www.misteamnet.com/vidflv.php?who=resa121611>. There is also a link to the video on the district website at [www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us). Parent are encouraged to watch the video.

**Feedback about birthday treats:** The SIP team received feedback from 19 members of the Kent Lake learning community. A few members of our community requested the reasons behind the proposal to eliminate edible birthday treats. The reasons are: student health concerns, financial constraints, instructional time, and amount of sugar consumption. The SIP team decided that if changes are made, the new policy will begin with the 12-13 school year. The SIP team will continue to discuss this topic. Its final decision will be in accordance with the SIP purpose of improving or enhancing student achievement.

**Summary of MLK learning experiences:** We reviewed our activities to celebrate Martin Luther King JR. Day. Teachers shared what they did in their classrooms that day and Mrs. Dancer shared some student products from different grade levels. In South Lyon, students go to school that holiday to honor MLK's work and his belief in equal rights, and education, for all.

**Kindergarten next year:** Full time Kindergarten beginning with the 12-13 school year has been proposed to the SLCS Board of Education (awaiting vote on February 6th). One half time Kindergarten section (located at Salem) has also been proposed to the Board. A minimum of 17 children are required for this section to be offered. A lottery will be held if more than 25 children register for the half time section.

**February is Diversity Appreciation Month:** February will be a time to celebrate our diversity across SLCS. Mrs. Dancer shared that there will be in class grade level experiences throughout the month to teach students that our differences enrich our lives and our community.

**5th grade fundraiser proposal:** The SIP team approved the selling of Valentine sucker grams during February. The same stipulations that were given for the candy cane grams apply to the Valentine sucker grams in order to minimize disruption to instruction.

**Birthday invitations:** The SIP team was made aware that children have been passing out birthday invitations at school, which has resulted in hurt feelings. Mrs. Dancer will include a reminder in the Wave that children are not allowed to hand out birthday invitations at school, even if the entire class is invited to the birthday celebration. Teachers will also include this information in their weekly newsletters.

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