

Kent Lake Elementary  
SIP Minutes  
December 15, 2011

**I. Members present:** Dennis Callovi-teacher, Kim Dancer-principal, Carrie Madeja-teacher, Karen Miller-parent, Brook Morris-teacher, Katie Schulz-parent, Michelle Verdier-parent

**II. School Improvement Goals and Information:**

- a. School improvement report:** Mrs. Dancer shared that she will begin working on next year's school improvement report as soon as the MEAP scores are received with the new cut scores.
- b. Schoolyard Habitat:** In collaboration with the SLCS Manager of Facilities and Grounds, Kent Lake teachers and volunteers are exploring options for creating a suitable habitat at Kent Lake for wildlife that will enhance the instructional program while maintaining alignment with the curriculum.

**III. Michigan Cyber-Safety Initiative Community Seminar:** Kent Lake parents will be invited to a Michigan Cyber-Safety Initiative Community Seminar on the evening of Wednesday, February 8, 2012. This is a presentation by the Michigan Attorney General's office and is about how parents can monitor their children's internet activities and set clear and safe guidelines.

**IV. New Procedure at Kent Lake for Guest Teachers:** For safety reasons, guest teachers will no longer be giving food to children. Birthday treats will be handed out upon return of the classroom teacher.

**V. Birthday Treats:** The SIP team was asked to consider not allowing edible birthday treats in the future. After much discussion, the SIP team brainstormed a few alternatives to students bringing in birthday treats or trinkets:

- Extra 10 minutes of recess
- Announce birthdays on the morning announcements
- Choose a trinket from Mrs. Dancer's birthday box

The SIP team is interested in feedback and suggestions from the Kent Lake learning community. Please use the tear off at the bottom of the minutes to provide your feedback and/or suggestions.

**VI. Other:** A local girl scout troop requested permission to place bins in the Kent Lake hallway to collect empty plastic eggs the week of April 9-13. The plastic eggs will be donated to the Humane Society for use as cat toys as part of the troop's service project. The SIP team approved this request.

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