

**Millennium Middle School
SIP Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2007**

Present:

Staff Members: R. J. Webber, Stephanie Berry, Michele Darket, Jennifer DiMarco, Sharon Pollock
Parents: Janet Bliden, Laura Hogan, Maureen Scheffler

The meeting began at 8:07 a.m.

General Announcements

- A request was made to purchase a large paper cutter for the teachers for the upstairs 7th/8th grade work room.
- When publishing the school calendar, staff and students have asked that a line be added to the calendars indicating the date school resumes after a break period (i.e. winter break, mid-winter break, spring break)
- Mrs. Bliden reported that arrangements have been made for a stress-relief package provided by MSPTO on Thursday, January 25.

Upcoming Events

- Semester exams will begin on Monday, January 22 and continue through Thursday, January 25.
- The next Writing Extravaganza will be held on February 13 and the subject area will be Social Studies. Students will view a brief video regarding global warming and climate change and then write a persuasive essay on the topic. This piece of writing will be graded by all teachers, as well as by each student's Social Studies teacher. Mr. Webber reported he met with an English professor from Eastern Michigan University who was very impressed with this activity. She plans to use this experience in part of an NCA presentation she is preparing.

School Improvement/NCA

- Mr. Webber has been invited to make a presentation at the upcoming NCA conference on March 6, 2007, in Novi. He would like to report on the benefits of using student Accountability folders.

Budgetary Discussion

- The current building budget was reviewed.

Code of Conduct

- Ms. Altermatt reported we are working on changes to the Student/Parent Handbook and Code of Conduct. The changes will be brought to the SIP Committee at the February meeting and then presented to the School Board for approval.

Review of Crisis Plans

- The Severe Weather Emergency Crisis Plan was reviewed. Ms. Altermatt had Mr. Webber demonstrate the correct position to take during a Tornado Drill. Students should be in a duck and cover kneeling position facing towards the wall and use their hands to cover their carotid arteries on either side of their heads. It was suggested that teachers have students practice the drill before the actual Tornado Drill takes place.

Old Business

- Michele Darket distributed information regarding showcases to the committee. The committee will decide the size they would like and vendors will be contacted for a price quote.
- The building engineer will purchase a ladder for the 6th grade science teachers.
- Mr. Webber reported that Mike Casey, Director of Environmental Services, spent many mornings in the back of the building observing students being dropped off and picked up after school. In the Spring, an area at the end of the west side of the bus loop will be paved and lighted with a sidewalk connected to the current sidewalk so can students can be dropped off and picked up and walk safely on the sidewalk to and from the school. This area will also have painted parking spaces.
- Mr. Webber discussed with Dr. Schmeichel how our district could receive more recognition and publicity for its achievements from the Oakland Schools study, Shared Leadership in a Results-Driven District.

New Business

- Mr. Webber discussed the new Michigan Merit Curriculum for the State of Michigan with regard to Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships. Copies of the math and science curriculum requirements were distributed and discussed.

Strategic Plan 2003-2008

- The Focus Area, Healthy Learning Community was discussed.

Refreshments will be provided by Mr. Webber for the February meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Submitted by,
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