

**Millennium Middle School  
SIP Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2005**

Present:

Staff Members: Bill Pearson, R. J. Webber, Lisa DelVecchio, Michele Darket, Jennifer DiMarco, Sharon Pollock  
Parents: Janet Bliden, Laura Hogan  
Absent: Stephanie Berry, Courtney Windsor, Maureen Scheffler

The meeting began at 8:15 a.m.

**General Announcements**

- Janet Bliden reported the training date for Destination Imagination is on Saturday, January 28 from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. The actual competition will be on March 4 at Waterford Kettering. Mrs. Ferguson, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher, has shown some interest in the group.

**Teacher Concerns**

- As a courtesy, it was recommended that if a teacher keeps a student in their class after the bell, they should notify the student's next teacher to make them aware of the situation.
- Teachers in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing have requested showcases in the hallways so they may display their student's work.

**Upcoming Events**

- An anti-bullying program, a play featuring a strong anti-bullying message, will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The program is presented by the Bridgework Theatre.
- Challenge Day has been scheduled for December 8-9. The MSPTO and Yearbook staff has donated funds to offset the costs of this worthwhile program.
- Eighth graders will be taking the Explore Test this year which has writing, reading, math and a career component. This test will be given at the end of November and the beginning of January and results will be in before the high school counselors meet with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- At the end of November, seven teachers, as well as Ms. DelVecchio, our assistant principal, will be attending the Rick DuFour conference on Professional Learning Communities. Mrs. Miller has provided the attendees with a list of a few websites regarding this subject. Additionally, each SIP committee member was given articles on this topic.

**School Improvement/NCA**

- The MMS staff reviewed Instructional Mapping and the 90/90/90 Study at the curriculum day on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The groups compiled PowerPoint presentations, sharing them with the whole staff. The NCA process is on track, with goals accepted and action plans being developed.

**Budgetary Discussion**

- The committee reviewed the budget and had no concerns.

**Code of Conduct**

- Options Room figures for the past four weeks were distributed to the committee. It was noted that Mrs. Barnett was attending an Anti-Bullying conference at Oakland Schools which will enable her to help those students who are sent to the Options Room for these types of incidents.

**Review of Crisis Plans**

- The Building Lockdown/Code Green plan was reviewed with the committee. This plan is for when a person (or persons) is (are) observed outside the building exhibiting extremely irrational or dangerous behavior to self or others, or they possess a weapon, or they are an apparent threat to the safety of the students or staff. The committee found the protocol acceptable.

**Old Business**

- The replacement of our Communication Devices may be funded out of a Homeland Security Grant that was given to our Operations Department.
- Quotes for shelving units in the students' bathrooms are still being obtained.

**Old Business (continued)**

- In discussing Habits of Mind, an article titled, "Are Your Lessons Habit Forming" was distributed to each committee member. Additionally, a PowerPoint presentation was shared about a day in the life of "Marble, the Orb-Weaver Spider, who spent a day at Millennium incorporating the Habits of Mind. The presentation highlighted the integration of the Habits of Mind at MMS. This presentation was prepared by Mrs. Miller and her science classes.
- Regarding the 90/90/90 study, information listing common characteristics of the high achieving schools was passed out to each committee member. On the November 8<sup>th</sup> curriculum day, each core subject (Language Arts, Science, Math, and Social Studies) prepared a PowerPoint summary which stated what we already do, what we can do and how 90/90/90 strategies could be used across the curriculum. Mr. Webber showed the Language Arts and Math presentations. At the end of last week, Mr. Webber e-mailed Douglas Reeves, the Author of the 90/90/90 Study. He reported that Mr. Reeves was so impressed, that he wanted permission to share the great work of the staff with about 50,000 people who subscribe to their free newsletter, Focus on Achievement. Mr. Reeves stated that, "this will not only help other teachers and leaders around the word, but give your faculty and students some very well-deserved recognition."

**New Business**

- The second At-Risk Meeting was held on November 15. Lisa Krapohl, an Oakland County truancy officer attended the meeting and shared Oakland County's approach to addressing truancy. Ms. Krapohl was impressed with our attendance tracking policy and asked permission to share it with other districts that are struggling in this area.

**Strategic Plan 2003-2008**

- This Focus Area, Healthy Learning Community, was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7. Refreshments will be provided by Stephanie Berry

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by,  
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