

**Millennium Middle School
SIP Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2010**

Present:

Parents: Cathy Altenberger, Casey Branch
Administrators: Maureen Altermatt, Darrell Plummer
Staff Members: Jennifer Jones, Amy Miller, Kristen Rupprecht
Secretary: Kathy Rase

The meeting began at 8:02 a.m.

General Announcements

- MMS staff members would like to thank the CHEERS volunteers for the luncheon during exam week. It was delicious and much appreciated.
- Ms. Altermatt shared a letter of interest from Michelle Walkup, 6th grade parent, for our current vacancy. The SIP committee voted to accept her as our new parent member; she will join us in March. Welcome Mrs. Walkup!
- Mrs. Altenberger complimented MMS's recent quarterly newsletter and also suggested that we inform parents that more information about monthly school events of interest can be found in the "Good News" on the district website.

Upcoming Events

- February 4 - CMS/MMS Healthy Sexuality Curriculum Review – 6:15 pm, MMS Media Center Gallery
- February 4 - CMS/MMS 7th and 8th grade parent night – 7:00 pm, MMS Cafeteria
- February 8 - NJHS Red Cross Blood Drive , 2:00 -8:00 pm MMS small gym
- February 10 - PTO meeting, 2:45 pm, Media Center Gallery
- February 11 - High School counselor visits all day
- February 11 - Empty Bowls, 5:00-8:00 pm, MMS Cafeteria, food service ends at 7:30
- February 15-19 - Winter Break – No school for students
- February 24 – Curriculum Fair at SLEHS, 6:30 pm
- February 25 – Curriculum Fair at SLHS, 6:30 pm

School Improvement/AdvancEd

- Ms. Altermatt reviewed the final report from the QAR team visit and gave an overview of the "next steps" in the continuous improvement process.

Budget Update

- Ms Altermatt briefly reviewed the status of the current budget. We are still awaiting posting of the budget amendment and various transfers. The budget will be reviewed in more detail next month.
- Ms. Altermatt reminded the committee that there would likely be reductions in funding at the building level for the 2010-2011 school year and that we may need to make some difficult decisions.
- Ms. Altermatt will inquire as to the timeline for notification of tentative building funding for next year.

Code of Conduct

- Proposed changes to the handbook were reviewed and supported by the SIP committee. Proposed changes will be presented to the board for their approval in March.

Review of Crisis Plans

Old Business

- The Operations Department is soliciting new bids for the PA system upgrade.
- A few more parents are now following the school Twitter postings.

New Business

- Ms. Altermatt discussed proposed changes for the middle school for the 2010-2011 school year.
- We will be moving forward with plans for the 6 hour day. Scheduling for students will begin in March.
- An email from a parent was shared with the committee. A question had been raised about whether suggested supply lists could be coordinated among teachers at each grade level. SIP felt that it would be reasonable to make an attempt to do so.

Ms. Altermatt will follow up. The parent also had some questions about the student planners. Ms. Altermatt addressed these questions in an email to the parent.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

The next SIP meeting will be March 4 (Thursday)

Please note: The "April" meeting will be March 31 (Wednesday)

Respectfully submitted by,
Kathleen Rase

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