

Millennium Middle School
SIP Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2011

Present

Parents: Cathy Altenberger, Michelle Walkup, Kathy Goodenow
Administration: Maureen Altermatt, Darrell Plummer
Staff Members: Ross Baker, Jennifer Jones, Kristin Rupprecht, Patty Randall
Guest: Tony Abbate (Administrative Intern)

The meeting began at 8:02 a.m.

General Announcements

- The 5th Grade Parent/Student Night went very well. We had a good turnout; however, the number of incoming 6th grade students is lower than last year.
- Mrs. Angie Badish, Choir Teacher, is the MMS and District Middle School Teacher of the Year.
- 8th grade student and MMS Geography Bee Champion, Nico Goodenow, is one of the top 100 students in Michigan and qualifies to compete in the State Finals on April 1st.

Upcoming Events

- Drop Everything and Read Day was celebrated on March 2nd. Students were given 15 minutes in each class to read, and teachers shared quotes about reading every hour.
- Pre-Festival Band Concert on March 3rd at SLHS, 7 pm. Festival is Saturday, March 19th.
- NAEP testing on March 3rd. 30 8th grade students were selected to take the writing portion of the test.
- Book Fair in the Media Center on March 7-11.
- Curriculum Day on March 9th – No school for students.
- Science Olympiad Tournament – March 26th at Oakland University. Mrs. Miller is team coach.
- Challenge Day will be held on March 28th and 29th for 7th grade students. Parent volunteers are needed.
- Oakland County Tornado Sirens/Drill – March 30th
- Activity Afternoon – March 31st, sponsored by Technology.
- Spring Break – April 4-8 – No school.
- Band-O-Rama – April 19th, SL East HS at 7 pm
- Good Friday Holiday on April 22nd. No school.

School Improvement/AdvancEd

- Self Assessment Report on 7 Standards– Ms. Altermatt is finishing this annual report about MMS for district, state, and AdvancEd purposes. The report will be presented to SIP Committee at the April meeting.
- On the March 9th Teacher Curriculum Day, teachers will be finalizing the mission statement in the morning and reviewing MEAP scores in the afternoon.

Budget Update

- Ms. Altermatt continues to monitor the accounts.
- Currently, MMS is anticipating 30 fewer students and a decrease of 2.5% in the per student allocation for the 2011-12 school year. Ms. Altermatt is drafting a budget based on these numbers and will present the budget to the SIP committee at the April meeting.

Code of Conduct

- Proposed Handbook Changes will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at the March 7th meeting. These changes were endorsed by SIP.

Review of Crisis Plans

- The State of Michigan has increased the number of required fire drills. Mr. Plummer will be adding additional drills to the calendar in the spring.

Old Business

- Empty Bowls will be scheduled for next year. Mrs. Robeson has resigned, and Mr. Anthony Arbini has taken over the art classes at MMS. Mr. Arbini and several other teachers have volunteered to coordinate the Empty Bowls Project. Unfortunately, there is very little time remaining for the necessary planning and preparation, and the district calendar cannot accommodate the event at the end of this school year.

New Business

- MMS P.E. Teacher Angela Schmidt will be out on maternity leave for 6 weeks. During this leave, our Hall Monitor, Colleen Spehar, will be monitoring the girls' locker room. Mrs. Spehar's work hours will be extended by 45 minutes each day.
- Ms. Altermatt is still looking at scheduling free training on the Promethean Boards for several MMS teachers who will be our "experts."
- Ms. Jones shared information about interactive tablet technology which is less expensive but compatible with the Promethean software. MMS will investigate the purchase of a couple tablets to pilot.
- Mrs. Altenberger asked how the Performing Arts curriculum is working out, since it is a new requirement for middle school students. Ms. Altermatt has been observing the Performing Arts teachers and reports that all seems to be going well.
- Mrs. Altenberger asked how 6th and 7th grade ELA is working with the 6 hour day. Ms. Jones shared that the teachers are continuing to revise their lessons to cover the curriculum within the new parameters. Additionally, SAC is reworking units to address the time constraints as well as new requirements of the Common Core.
- The 8th Grade Dance Committee has been meeting and working on plans for the dance to be held on Friday, June 3rd.
- Mrs. Altenberger asked why the Good News has not been posted to the district website since November. Ms. Altermatt will follow up with our district webmaster.
- Yearbook orders will be taken March 14-25th for delivery in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by,
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