

**Millennium Middle School
SIP Meeting Agenda
March 4, 2010**

Present:

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

The meeting began at 8:05 a.m.

General Announcements

- The SIP committee welcomed Michelle Walkup, our new SIP parent.
- The Empty Bowls fundraiser for Active Faith was successful and well supported by the community.

Upcoming Events

- March 1 - 16: Yearbook Presale - \$22, checks only.
- March 3 – Professional Development Day – no school for students
- March 5 – HS counselors visit 8th grade English classes for scheduling
- March 8 – 5th grade orientation – check in begins 6:00 pm, program 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- March 8-12 – Book Fair in the Media Center Gallery
- March 11 – Pre-Festival Band Concert – SLHS, 7 pm
- March 12 - Drop Everything And Read Day
- March 13 – Science Olympiad Tournament
- March 15 - Applications due for NJHS
- March 26 – Family Geography Night
- April 2-9 – Spring Break
- April 13 - NJHS Induction
- April 19 – Writing Extravaganza featuring science prompts

School Improvement/AdvancEd

- Ms. Altermatt shared the Summary of the District School Improvement Plan and solicited comments. The committee fully supported and endorsed the plan.
- MMS staff met with SLHS staff on March 3rd for a workshop focused on instructional strategies to support students in our low SES subgroups and close achievement gaps.

Budget Update

- Ms. Altermatt reviewed recent transactions. Entries related to the budget amendment have not yet been posted.
- A tentative budget for next year will be presented to SIP in April.

Code of Conduct

- Proposed changes to the Student Handbook have been presented to the School Board.
- SIP discussed whether planners should be provided for students next year; it was decided unanimously to continue to do so. Comments indicated SIP members feel it is a useful organization and planning tool for students. Ms. Altermatt noted that, due to assertive negotiations with our supplier by Larry Jackson on behalf of the secondary schools, the price paid for our planners is only roughly half that of other competitive market bids.

Review of Crisis Plans

Old Business

- Our current PA system is able to be repaired and upgraded, resulting in a significant savings over the cost of replacement.
- Ms. Badish will implement a ticket system to allocate seating for families at the upcoming Spring Choir Concert, which will be held at SLHS.

New Business

- Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, 8th grade students who select both a Music class and a Language class will have the Performing Arts/PE rotation waived. Administrators will develop a schedule to ensure that the mandatory two week Healthy Sexuality curriculum is covered with these students.
- A parent requested that staff be careful not to attach any pressure to requests for donations to charities, particularly if there is a “competition” going on in the building.
- Teacher’s retirement decisions should be made by April 1. However, depending on the state incentive plan, this date may be extended by the district to April 15th.
- The district committee report recommending closure of an elementary building will be presented to the board on April 12. The committee's work will be completed by April 1, and posted on the district website.
- Core class sizes are expected to be at an average of 30 students. Language Arts and Math classes are expected to average 28 or 29 students with Science and Social Studies classes at an average of 31 or 32 students. Administration is reviewing classroom utilization, numbers of student desks, numbers of computers in labs, etc. to ensure that facility needs will be adequately met. Class size overage payments will be reserved in the 2010-2011 budget for core classes, health, and world language classes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Rase

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