

**Millennium Middle School
SIP Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2006**

Present:

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

The meeting began at 8:10 a.m.

General Announcements

- Janet Bliden informed that a Millennium Middle School Destination Imagination team took first place in the regional competition and will be competing at the global level in Tennessee in mid-May.

Upcoming Events

- Mustang Madness, a grade level assembly of relays races and activities, will take place on May 4 during 6th/7th hours.
- Mr. Costa will be honored as the Teacher-of-the-Year at the upcoming Board Meeting on May 15. He is also the district winner.
- Jacob Lanyon, 7th grader, will be recognized at the Board Meeting on May 1, for his winning entry in the annual Drug Free Schools poster contest

School Improvement/NCA

- Ms. Furlong and Ms. McGrath continue to work on the NCA process. They will be attending a state level meeting on April 27 to discuss our action plans.

Budgetary Discussion

- The budget was reviewed with the committee. Negative balances have been cleared up by realigning funds.

Code of Conduct

- Ms. Del Vecchio reviewed the Options Room Process data for the last 5 weeks, as well as the discipline history through April 30.

Review of Crisis Plans

- The Bomb Threat Emergency crisis plan was reviewed.
- The committee also received brochures from Oakland Schools regarding tornado safety. Additional copies are available in the office(s).

Old Business

- Mrs. Windsor reported on the newly formed Chick Lit group. Current membership in this book club is approximately 18. The group votes on 1-2 books to read each month. Last month, the group read Flipped and/or Do You Know the Monkey Man. This month, the two books chosen were Click Here and Thwonk. Mr. Webber reported the Guys Read book club has approximately 6 members. The first book they chose to read was The Thief Lord. Currently, they are reading Lightening Thief.
- Mr. Webber will forward a SIP evaluation instrument to all committee members for review. The approved version will then be given to all staff members to complete.
- The Homework Center has been opened for 2 weeks. There is an 8:1 staff/student ratio in the program. They have currently approximately 30 students and 77 more are on the waiting list. Each family is requested to pay a yearly fee of \$10 per student.
- A discussion of the monthly Habits of Mind Integration process was discussed. Some members felt that the hourly questions should be rotated and possibly incorporate a higher level of thinking in their responses. Additionally, suggestions were made to use the display cases by the cafeteria to showcase the Habit of the Month. These showcases also need lighting and locks installed.

New Business

- Mr. Webber shared a newsletter from the Center for Performance Assessment, which featured an article he wrote entitled Cornerstone for Accountability. In this article he shares what Millennium Middle School has done in the area of accountability and with the 90/90/90 schools study. This publication, called Focus on Achievement, is available on-line at www.makingstandardswork.com and is also mailed to approximately 70,000 individuals.
- The building secretaries were commended for their hard work and commitment, with this being Administrative Professional Day.
- The following staff members were recognized:
 - Amy Miller 7th grade Science teacher, received a DTE Energy grant for an alternative fuel source car. The committee has requested that she bring it to a future SIP meeting.
 - Jim Shekell Afternoon Building Engineer, was our building Betty Campion nominee this year
 - Chris Costa 8th grade Science teacher, was the district Teacher-of-the-Year for the middle school(s)
 - Nancy Pantaleo 6th grade Language Arts teacher, received a grant again this year from the National Endowment for the Humanities to bring in Cirque Amongus for all 6th grade students
- The committee thanked the MSPTO/CHEERS organizations for providing snacks for this week's staff meeting for Teacher Appreciation Week. The committee also commended these groups for all the volunteering they have done this year stating this has been the best group ever. The MSPTO has also approved more funds for snacks for the students participating in Cirque Amongus on June 2.
- Mr. Webber passed around a Summer Transitions packet that was developed by Mrs. Scott, a 6th grade language arts/math teacher. It is hoped that each department and grade level will develop a similar packet for parents and students to use over the summer. Time, at an upcoming staff meeting, will be set aside to compile these packets. The parents on the committee also requested a supply list be compiled.
- The School Improvement Plan was reviewed and approved by the committee.

Strategic Plan 2003-2008

- The Focus Area, Healthy Learning Community was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24. Refreshments will be provided by Mr. Webber.
The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by,
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