

South Lyon East High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2009

Present: Larry Jackson, Dr. Pearson, Gail Joslin, Ron Weber, Denise Brandon, Debbie Jedinak, Emily Regan -12th grade, Matt Stafford-12th grade, Darcie Cordes-11th grade, Amanda Lemming-9th grade.

Absent: Laura Hogan, Kacey Felts-11th grade, Leah Nonis-10th grade, Kelsie Hines-10th grade,

Old Business:

Homecoming- Except for the weather, everything went well. Most comments were positive indicating it was the best we've ever had. Mrs. Athey did a wonderful job. Overall the Juniors won the spirit week, with the Freshman winning the float building. The Taste of Homecoming turned out alright being indoors, but most thought it was anti-climatic. Most preferred it to be outdoors. Parade cancellation, due to heavy rain, was a disappointment. The Lyon Ridge Subdivision association was excited to have the parade coming there. The route is 1.2 miles long. Change for next year is that the parade will start at 4:30 instead of 4:00 due to elementary bus routes in the subdivision.

Testing- The practice ACT was "difficult", but a realistic view as to the actual test. It was a practice for the Michigan Merit Exam in March. The students will get a score from the practice test. It is scored 1 to 36.

New Business:

Curriculum Day- Tuesday, November 3rd. Teachers will attend all day professional development. Mrs. Bowman will present what she has learned from her NCA visit to other schools. Teachers will also discuss our own goals for NCA, strategies, and methods of presentation. Writing and Problem solving continue to be our goals. Writing on Demand has been implemented across all subject areas. The students expressed a problem with having these fall on the same day in every subject. Next semester, Cougar Hour will change to Tuesday's, which should help spread out tests and Writing on Demand assignments. A focus on instruction will also be presented at the teacher in-service.

Budget- Currently, we are over budget on textbooks and software, but have surplus in some other line items. By the end of the year, we will need to balance line items to assure that we do not go over our school allotment.

Annual Report- Under Public Act 25 and No Child Left Behind, all schools must do an annual report. It shows how we do on test scores, how we are progressing, among other numerous categories. Colleges want to see that we are an accredited school. We received the grade of "A" on our adequate yearly progress. Mr. Jackson presented this year's Annual Report.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences- All went well. Mr. Weber and Mr. Stoller used their lap tops to bring up Skyward and show the parents what was done in their classes. This not only saved paper, but it showed how our school is technically advanced. It was stated that even if the student is doing well in classes, parents should still come to conferences and hear the good things the teacher has to say.

Official South Lyon East Crest- It is to be used as a banner at graduation along with being on graduation announcements. Mr. Jackson had at least a dozen examples from different high schools. Some included their logo, while others were divided into sections representing parts of education. Mr. Weber volunteered to head a committee to design the crest. Emily suggested making it into a contest among the students. A sub-committee was formed to come up with the criteria for the crest and the contest. The committee will consist of: Mr. Weber, Chairman; Mrs. Joslin, Mrs. Brandon, Mrs. Jedinak, Emily Regan, Darcie Cordes, and Amanda Lemming. They will meet and bring back their results at the next SIP meeting, and then to the student body.

Other- We still need to enforce the dress code. The students brought up the fact that the staff is usually good about dress code enforcement when the weather starts to get warm, but it needs to be enforced throughout the year. It was also brought to the committee's attention that we had nothing in place regarding "ripped" jeans. We decided that there could be no holes in clothing where you would normally wear shorts. If shorts have to be mid-thigh, then the holes could not be in any area higher than mid-thigh. Mr. Jackson will remind teachers to enforce dress code procedures.

The next SIP meeting will be November 18.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie Jedinak