

South Lyon East High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2009

Present:

Administration: Larry Jackson; Dr. William Pearson, Superintendent

Staff Members: Gail Joslin, Ron Weber, Denise Brandon

Parents: Debbie Jedinak, Laura Hogan

Students: 9th – Amanda Lemming

10th –

11th – Darcie Cordes, Kacey Felts

12th - Matthew Stafford, Emily Regan

Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.

General Announcements:

Dr. Pearson attended the meeting and wanted to let the SIP committee know that at Monday's School Board meeting there was discussion about the budget amendment and closing East was brought up. Dr. Pearson wanted to reassure the SIP committee that he will never recommend closing either of the high schools. Mr. Jackson supported this saying that he gets asked whether East is closing on a regular basis and he continues to reassure people that there are no plans to close the school.

Ron Weber wanted to let Dr. Pearson know that he is very proud of this district and how the administration and Board have been so fiscally responsible and he wanted to commend their guidance and direction in these tough times.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Teacher Curriculum Day:

Per Mr. Weber: it was a fruitful day with discussions on how to engage the classroom, thinking skills, diversity, and writing on demand.

Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Bowman presented on their visit to Armada School District.

Staff broke up into groups and spent time looking at standards, gathering evidence, etc., for our accreditation review which is next year.

N.C.A. Visitation:

At our next SIP meeting, Mr. Jackson would like to have a debriefing with the different groups that did visits at other high schools. One member from each group that visited another school will present to SIP.

Gail Joslin reported that with the two visits that were already done, and the last one that is planned in the near future. In the end, we will have visited three high schools. The purpose of our involvement on these committee visits is to aid us by being a part of the process for another school, and knowing what to expect when we are evaluated next year.

School Crest:

The Committee and Mr. Weber did a fabulous job of coming up with several options for the committee to review. The crest needs to be given to the company that is making the graduation announcements by next Tuesday, so a decision needed to be made at this SIP meeting. After much discussion, an official South Lyon East crest was chosen. The SIP committee thanked Mr. Weber for all the hours he spent on this!

NEW BUSINESS

School Robotics Program:

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Weber to report on the Robotic Club that has been competing. Mr. Weber explained how the students have to build and program the robot on their own. The competitions are very exciting and spirited. Our club is combined with SLHS. Mr. Weber would like to bring a robot in to the next SIP meeting for a demonstration.

Laura Hogan asked if the Robotics club ever does anything for the middle school students as a recruitment tool. Mr. Weber indicated they haven't in the past, but he is working on something at Centennial.

School-Wide Play Assembly

Mr. Jackson asked the students on the committee for comments regarding the assembly in which the whole student body watched the drama department perform their fall play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream", by Shakespeare. The students were very impressed, but had a hard time understanding what it was about. Mr. Jackson felt it was important to expose all students to literature, and in this case, the work of William Shakespeare, by having them attend the play.

2010-2011 Scheduling Calendar

The preliminary planning for the 2010-2011 schedule is underway. The Curriculum Fair will be on February 24 at 6:30 p.m. for incoming Freshmen, and 7 p.m. for all other students. This fair will be held BEFORE schedules are due as a result of a discussion in SIP last year. This will allow students to see what the classes are about before having to sign up for them.

OTHER

Drug Search

There was a drug search today and because the dogs went to MMS and CMS first, it prolonged the lockdown. To still allow all classes to meet, a schedule that typified a Cougar Hour day was instituted.

Central Event Posting

Gail Joslin said some students have suggested that there be a central area in the school where all activities/events/games are posted. Mr. Jackson said if the information is given to him, he can easily put it on the scrolling announcements as those are rolling all day on all the TV's.

Car Trouble/Tardy Policy

Kacey asked why car trouble was not considered a reason for an excused tardy. Mr. Jackson explained that students have the option of taking the bus. Debbie Jedinak asked if the parent

calls in to verify there is car trouble, is that accepted? Mr. Jackson responded that it is not. The Board of Education policy and Student Handbook both state that it is unexcused.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Next meeting is December 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hogan

ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES:

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