

South Lyon East High School  
SIP Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2010

Present:

Administration: Larry Jackson, Linda Bowman

Staff Members: Gail Joslin, Ron Weber, Denise Brandon

Parents: Debbie Jedinak, Laura Hogan

Students: 9<sup>th</sup> – Kristine Appicelli

10<sup>th</sup> –

11<sup>th</sup> – Darcey Cordes

12<sup>th</sup> - Matthew Stafford, Emily Regan

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

Review Old Business

I. Ideas for Winterfest replacement

Mr. Jackson reminded the committee to start thinking about ideas for a replacement activity for Winterfest. One idea is to have a lock-in with volleyball, a dance, and other activities.

II. Final NCA Debriefing

Mrs. Joslin and Mr. Jackson visited Royal Oak High School. They found the students and staff to have a great attitude and a lot of involvement. This school has the opposite situation of our high school, in that it is one high school that was created with the closing of the second high school. This year they will be graduating their first class of seniors that have gone through the merged high school all four years. They have a full spectrum of electives, but do not have any established governing body such as SIP, so the communication with the parent is lacking.

Mrs. Joslin stated that there were several things that Royal Oak was just beginning to explore, such as Skyward that South Lyon has already been implementing for years.

Mr. Jackson said that both he and Mrs. Joslin obtained a better understanding of how things will work when we have our visit of NCA next year.

New Business

III. Curriculum Fair

The Curriculum Fair is tonight. Freshmen will meet at 6:30, all others at 7 p.m. Extracurricular activities will all be in the Commons, while the core subjects will be in each of the pathways.

This is an opportunity for students to get a chance to speak to teachers about classes and obtain an instructional map as they make course selections for next year.

IV. Student Handbook Changes

Mrs. Bowman described minimal proposed changes in the Student Handbook for next year. Mr. Jackson asked for the SIP committee's endorsement of these changes. The committee approved unanimously

#### V. School Improvement Plan – Update

Mrs. Bowman and Mr. Jackson are continuing to work on the goals and will document what we are doing to reach these goals. This report will be submitted to the NCA.

Our writing goal includes writing on demand and using the 6+1 rubric, so that all students will improve their writing across the curriculum

Our math goal is to improve deductive reasoning throughout the curriculum.

#### VI. School District Improvement Plan Draft

A draft of the district's improvement plan was reviewed by the committee. This will be sent to Oakland Schools and the State. The committee unanimously endorsed this draft.

#### VII. Self-Assessment and EdYes Report Approval

Mrs. Joslin reviewed the Self Assessment EdYes report that has to be sent to the State by March 12, following SIP endorsement. The teaching staff was divided into groups and evaluated the seven standards and assessed how South Lyon East is doing on each. This is another evaluation that is needed for our NCA visit next year. The results of the assessment showed that all seven categories are “operational” or “fully operational” – the two highest categories.

Mr. Jackson asked for approval of this report and the committee unanimously endorsed it. It will now be sent on to the state.

#### VIII. PTSO Activity – Saturday, March 20

The PTSO has planned a visit from a hypnotist who has a very entertaining show. It is a fundraiser for the PTSO. This act is very similar to what has been presented to seniors at their all-night party. It will be held in the auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

#### Miscellaneous Items

#### IX. Board Meeting at MMS

Mr. Jackson wanted to thank students, staff and parents who attended the meeting last month regarding the question of East becoming an 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade building, and South Lyon High School becoming a 10 thru 12 building. He was very happy at the turnout and felt it showed the community that South Lyon East has become a very involved and spirited school, while working to accomplish our mission statement.

#### X. School Closing Communication

Mrs. Brandon said that a parent called her and asked why our district doesn't have a texting program that would text everyone when school is cancelled. It was indicated that the school closing is listed on the district Twitter and the district website.

#### XI. Minutes/Agenda

Mr. Jackson reminded everyone that, as we decided last year, the SIP minutes are posted on the scrolling announcements at school. Also, if anyone who has an item that they would like discussed at SIP, he/she should contact their representative. The representatives are also listed on the scrolling announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting is March 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hogan