

South Lyon High School SIP Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:56pm. Attending were: RJ Webber (Principal), Lisa Del Vecchio (AP), Dr. William Pearson (Superintendent), Mark Nowicki (Teacher), Christine Cogo (Staff), Ms. Schlang (Parent), Ms. Zimmerman (Parent), Kay Ann Schlang (Senior Rep.), Robert Swain (Junior Rep.), Kevin Miller (Freshmen Rep.).

I. Review of minutes from previous meeting and today's meeting agenda

II. General announcements:

A staff member, Joel Smigell has volunteered to attend the SIP Meetings. He will be at the SIP meeting next month.

III. Recent and Upcoming Events:

Semester exams will be held on January 22-January 24. The students will attend half days. January 25th is records day (no students). Teachers will report in the morning only. The week of January 28th will be Winterfest week and class assemblies. Mr. Webber will discuss at the assembly his expectations and safety issues.

IV. Student Council Update:

Robert Swain stated that the Winterfest dance planning is going well. Ticket sales this year are low. Only 98 tickets are sold as of this meeting. A discussion was brought up on how to boost ticket sales. Robert mentioned a DJ will be used for the Winterfest pep assembly. He will have a wireless camera with a projector to allow better viewing of the activities / games during the assembly. Student Council will consider purchasing similar equipment.

V. School Improvement NCA:

There was a staff meeting on January 8, 2008. Staff was given copies of their grade distributions from first and second marking period and provided time to reflect individually and as a department using the following questions developed by the Assistant Principals:

1. Does the data accurately reflect student learning and their performance on standards/benchmarks?
2. Do our students receive consistent, accurate and meaningful feedback on their progress towards these final grades?
3. Is this a true indicator of how students will perform on final exams?
4. What guidance or assistance do you need from administrators or other staff members related to data and the previous questions?
5. Other comments/questions related to the data from the group?

On January 9, 2008, a meeting was held for new teachers to discuss strategies for working with ELL students (English Language Learners.) Staff members Ellen Brengle, Dayna Britton, and Susan Hillman facilitated this meeting and provided strategies and information to new teachers.

VI. Budgetary Discussion

Mr. Webber stated he was disappointed with a new contract proposed by the Xerox company, which was a 10% reduction in copying costs for the building. Mr. Webber stated that copying costs are 12-14% of the building budgets. In the interest of better savings, Mr. Webber is seeking other quotes for these services.

VII. Code of Conduct

Ms. Del Vecchio stated that handbook revisions for the next school year will be brought to SIP for review at the next SIP meeting. SIP members were encouraged to take a copy of the handbook home and email Ms. Del Vecchio if members had any thoughts on changes for next year. Kay Ann pointed out a current error in the handbook where AP History is listed

twice. The phrase “Listen, Learn, Exert, Respect” was also suggested as an addition. Also, it was suggested that student use of the handbook should be emphasized more by staff at the high school, as it is currently at the middle and elementary schools.

VIII. Review of Emergency Procedures

SIP members reviewed the procedures for Severe Weather. It was suggested that we demonstrate the difference in sound of the fire vs. the severe weather (tornado warning) alarm prior to the severe weather drill. Ms. Del Vecchio stated there will be two drills this year, one planned by the building and one determined by the county.

Old Business

IX. Dance Discussion

Mr. Webber distributed copies of a letter that will be distributed to students prior to the Winterfest dance. The letter outlines expectations for the dance, including bringing an ID and ticket to the dance, appropriate dress, and appropriate dance behavior.