

SLHS SIP Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2007

Attendance:

Parents: Nancy Kirchoff
Dianne Beagle
Sue Zimmerman

Students: Robert Swain – 10th
Kay Ann Schlang – 11th

Staff: Denise Brandon
Larry Jackson
Sue Hillman
Ron Weber

Meeting called to order at 2:43 pm by Chairperson K. Schlang

Addition of Agenda Items: Item C. Snow Day Criteria and Item D. Lunch Line Theft were added under New Business.

Grading System: Members had been requested to bring comments, complaints and suggestions for compilation into a letter to be given to the SLHS Report Card Committee when it convenes. Following is a synopsis of what will be forwarded:

1. With the heavy emphasis on summative items, i.e. tests, time should be devoted at the beginning of the year to teaching students how to take a test.
2. More explanation is needed on why and how formative and summative items are separated.
3. Perform a comparison of the number of each grade given under the “old” grading system to that given under the “new” system: total number of A’s, A-’s, B+’s, etc.
4. More differentiation is needed in summative assessments. Utilize projects, presentations, etc. as well as tests.
5. Homework is assigned as practice and to verify that the student is learning the material. Therefore, it should always be checked for accuracy.

Ipod Use During Lunch: Many students are listening to Ipods or mp3 players during lunch periods, as well as during passing time. School procedure states that there are to be no radios, cd players, etc. in use at all during school hours (7:25 a - 2:18 p). Consensus was that the lunch period is the student’s own time where he/she can relax and listening to an Ipod is not disruptive during that time. However, listening during passing time can be a safety hazard and listening during class can be disruptive to learning. Motion to allow the use of Ipods/mp3 players before and after school hours and during a student’s lunch period made by K. Schlang, seconded by S. Zimmerman. Motion unanimously approved. Since our student handbook, which is approved by the Board of Education, prohibits IPods/mp3 players during the school day, this change will be included in next year’s handbook revisions that will go before the Board of Education.

SL East Update: Building is on schedule. The curriculum fair for SLEHS will be held on February 26 followed by that for SLHS on March 1st. Both fairs will be held at SLHS. More information coming.

Snow Day Criteria: Questions about how decision is made to cancel school were raised by students, parents and teachers. L. Jackson stated that Transportation personnel travel bus routes in outlying areas beginning around 2:00 am. If they determine that it might be unsafe for students to attend school, they will notify the Superintendent and he will make the decision to cancel school.

Lunch Line Theft: A student commented that there seems to be an increase in the number of students stealing food from the lunch lines. Often it's a few students working in tandem – one distracts the cashier while others walk away with trays full of food. Sometimes it occurs when the cashier is busy collecting money and doesn't see the other students walk past. L. Jackson stated that the punishment for stealing was a 3-day suspension for the first occurrence and the suspension period lengthens with subsequent occurrences. Consensus was that the punishment needs to be publicized, perhaps on signs in the cafeteria, and more administrators should be stationed near the lunch lines to monitor student behavior. L. Jackson will follow up with assistant principals and food service manager.

Next Meetings: Wednesdays: February 28 March 21 April 18 May 16
2:35 pm Office Conference Room

Motion to adjourn made by K. Schlang, seconded by N. Kirchoff. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: D. Beagle, Secretary