

South Lyon High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2009

Present:

Staff Members: R.J. Webber, Lisa DelVecchio, Mitch Rosekrans, Paula Marken
Parents: April Talaga
Students: Scott Trumbo, Sam Kowalski, Colleen Harrison
Guests: Emily Nagy (Newspaper)

The meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

The minutes from the September 16, 2009 SIP meeting were reviewed, along with the agenda for October 14.

General Announcements

- Mr. Webber encouraged students present to invite other students to get involved in the SIP meetings.

Old Business

- An update on the FRESH Program was shared by Mr. Webber. A dedicated committee of SLHS teachers over the summer contacted families' incoming freshman who struggled academically last year. These families were invited to attend a meeting at South Lyon High School before school started, to inform them of ways we can work together to help their student succeed.
- Students were encouraged to tell as many students as possible about the Late Bus. Mr. Webber commented that although there are more students taking advantage of this opportunity this year, he would still like to see more.
- Mr. Rosekrans discussed that we have already had four very successful fire drills this year. The students have been well behaved and are lining up without having to receive direction from their teachers. All staff has had their red/green emergency cards and students have exhibited exceptional behavior. Mr. Rosekrans commended both students and staff on doing a great job.

Recent & Upcoming Events

- Homecoming Weekend is October 23 & 24.
- Mr. Webber received positive feedback on parent teacher conferences and shared that it was suggested that large clear letters be placed at the end of each wing to help parents with directions.
- Ms. DelVecchio explained how the Fall Testing Day on October 22 would look this year. The 9th graders will be taking the MEAP and be given an opportunity to view a brief video showing the students how High School skills are valuable in the workplace and how to make the connection. 10th graders will be taking the PLAN, a pre-ACT test. The score on this test is an indicator of how students will perform on their ACT in 11th grade. The 11th graders will be taking the Practice ACT test consisting of English, Math, Reading, and Science portions. This is an opportunity for all of our students to prepare and experience examples of ACT test questions and an ACT testing session. The seniors will be involved in a "Senior Symposium" day. They will be divided into three smaller groups and rotate through three special sessions designed to prepare them for life beyond high school. The sessions include "Paying for College," "College 101," and "Reality Store." Herff-Jones will present information to all students on ordering caps/gowns and graduation announcements. Lastly, the seniors will have their panoramic

class picture taken in the gym. All students will be done beginning fourth hour and resume their normal schedules.

Student Council Update

- Student Council shared concerns about not having enough convertibles available for the Homecoming parade. Scott Trumbo offered to make calls to individuals who donated their cars last year to see if they would be willing to help them out this year.
- Colleen reported to the committee that the DJ they hired for Homecoming requested to set up in the gym instead of the commons. Mr. Webber shared concerns about the possibility of damaging the gym floor and stated that this type of decision would have to be pre-approved/arranged by the SLHS building engineer, Director of Operations, Mike Casey, and himself. Mr. Rosekrans reminded the students that the commons has a sound-absorbing ceiling which makes it an ideal place for the DJ to set up in. The homecoming dance will occur in the commons.

School Improvement/NCA

- Mr. Webber and Mrs. Marken passed hand-outs to the committee showing the summation of the recent staff QAR exercise. They reviewed the results and compared it to the AdvancED Standards Assessment Rubric. During the Carousel activity, the teachers shared ideas of where they thought our school was meeting these seven standards and areas they felt we needed to improve in. The CSI team (Continuous School Improvement) has begun the process of collecting data for the QAR visit in January.
- A team of math teachers; Gary Moyski, Joan Brennan, Kelly Gallagher, Cynthia Russette, Brooke Schmitz, counselor, Lisa Godo, and principal RJ Webber, representing SLHS, SLEHS, MMS and CMS attended the second of a seven part "Lenses on Learning" math professional development opportunity. The cross-school group learned about the hallmarks of great math instruction. The next session will focus on assessment for learning.

Review of Emergency Procedures

- Mr. Rosekrans distributed the procedures for Serious Injury or Illness while Mr. Webber reviewed it and answered any questions from the committee. He once again stressed the importance of safety for all students and making sure everyone crosses at the cross-walk.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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