

South Lyon High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2008

Present:

Staff Members: R.J. Webber, Jill Blasy, Joel Smigell, Paula Marken
Parents: None present
Students: Kevin Miller, Brock Mizikow, Andrew Sarpolis, Devin Petricca, Clare Delamielleure, Torie Agne, Ashley Glenn, Garrett Sawyer, Scott Trumbo, Hannah Gorman, Stephanie Kula, Nikki Zachar, Veronica Weir
Absent: Mitch Rosekrans, Mark Nowicki

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes from the September 24, 2008 SIP meeting were reviewed, along with the agenda for October 29.

General Announcements

- Mr. Webber expressed how proud he was of each student for being present at the SIP meeting and representing their school. He suggested that they pick one person from each club to represent them at the meetings.

Old Business

- The committee viewed a video put together by Ms. DelVecchio of the Homecoming weekend. It was a great opportunity to recapture the hard work and fun times had by all.
- Mr. Webber expressed that the Meet & Greets went well and that administration had many opportunities to talk with and share ideas and concerns from the staff.
- Ms. DelVecchio discussed Curriculum Night and passed out a handout of the power point slide presentation that was shown to the ninth grade families. The handout covered important topics such as high school course planning, credit recovery, standardized testing, high school grading, and how parents could become involved in helping their student succeed. A key focus was understanding the financial cost of failure, to recover credits through summer school or online courses.
- Mr. Webber discussed the organization of a PTSO – parent/teacher/student organization and asked the committee to come up with a date for the pot luck dinner with the principal. After several minutes of discussion, most members felt that November or December would be too busy for everyone, and suggested a date sometime in January or February. Details such as combining the pot luck with other school activities/events, what the set up would look like, what main entre Mr. Webber would be cooking, asking Mrs. Lindow if her Kiddy Corner students would like to handle child care, and what it would take to make this event a success were discussed. Mr.

Webber passed around a sub-committee sign-up sheet for those interested in helping to orchestrate this event. Eight students signed up.

Recent & Upcoming Events

- Teachers and students discussed the MEAP, PLAN, Practice ACT, and senior schedule held on October 23, providing feedback regarding its implementation, and ideas on how it could be improved. Teachers and students from each class shared different areas of concern including check-in procedures, consistent break-times, too much time at end of MEAP, knowing ahead of time where to go, and different ways the schedule could look for the future.
- Mr. Webber shared how magnificent the Band and Choir concerts were and offered congratulations to the marching band for qualifying to perform at the Michigan Competing Bands Association State Finals at Ford Field.

Student Council Update

- Student Council representative, Kevin Miller, shared with the committee that they have been working on creating new committees within Student Council for planning future activities. Currently the students are in the process of trying to create a hospitality committee for new students at SLHS. The students would be able to leave class 5 minutes early with another student to show them where their classes are and receive a welcoming “goody bag.” A food drive is also in the works with a goal to fill Mr. Webber’s office. Mr. Webber offered to help in any way he could to promote this event and give back to the community.

School Improvement/NCA

- Mr. Webber explained to the committee about the combined level math day. This was an opportunity for middle school and high school math teachers to come together for a day to analyze how students are doing and what teachers can do to help them succeed. Several students discussed how important they feel math is and different areas of concerns they have. Mr. Webber suggested having a separate committee for math where students could come together and share ideas on how to make improvements. Mr. Webber understood and acknowledged their concerns and referred to South Lyon’s State School Report Card showing the need for improvement in math scores. He discussed the visit from ACT representative, John Carroll, in an effort to help our students succeed on the ACT assessment taking place in the spring. He also explained that Dr. Vehrey, a professor from the University of Michigan, will be meeting with the staff for a mathematics lesson study/action research session showing the teachers ways to improve on techniques and how to be more creative in teaching math.
- Mr. Webber and Ms. DelVecchio discussed with the students the incident in Pinckney where an inappropriate picture of a student was sent by cell phone to other students. They stressed the importance of reporting any unsolicited and inappropriate message or pictures to a parent/staff if that were to happen to them. They stressed both the legal and school handbook implications for such content on cell phones. Even if they do not

forward the content and just deleted it, it could still be traced to their phone, and it is always important for students to report such content to their parent or a staff member.

Budgetary Discussion

- Mr. Webber informed the committee that the lease agreements were coming to an end on the office copiers and they were currently meeting with a representative from Konica Minolta in an effort to save money.

Homework

- Ms. DelVecchio asked each student to please review the sportsmanship sections of the athletic code of conduct for their feedback and discussion at the next SIP meeting. Both Mr. Webber and Ms. DelVecchio expressed the importance of acceptable behavior at these events and encouraged the students to concentrate on cheering for their team and not to become involved in cheering against the opposing team. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Due to time constraints the review of emergency procedures will be tabled for the November SIP meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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