

South Lyon High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2008

Present:

Staff Members: R.J. Webber, Lisa DelVecchio, Mitch Rosekrans, Jill Blasy , Mark Nowicki, Paula Marken
Parents: Deborah Schlang
Students: Kevin Miller, Brock Mizikow, Andrew Sarpolis, Robert Swain, Colleen Harrison, Kristen Altenberger, Torie Agne, Ashley Glenn, Garrett Sawyer, Scott Trumbo, Stephanie Kula, Nikki Zachar, Veronica Weir, Kevin Parikh, Mallory Heaney, Kylie Decker, Jaclyn Schlang, Ryan Beaber, Ian Geiman
Absent: Joel Smigell

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes from the October 29, 2008 SIP meeting were reviewed, along with the agenda for November 12.

General Announcements

- Due to the large number of students present, the SIP meeting was moved to the media center.

Old Business

- Mr. Webber took a vote on having a pot luck dinner vs. pancake dinner for the PTSO – parent/teacher/student organization night. Many ideas and suggestions were shared and the committee decided on the pancake dinner with a “toppings” bar. The dinner will be hosted sometime in January with approximately 500 people invited. Mrs. Darket and Mrs. Marken will assist in helping organize the dinner. Mrs. Marken will be contacting Wanda Curtis to get a list of available dates in January.
- Per last month’s SIP homework, Ms. DelVecchio asked for feedback on spectator behavior expectations as outlined in the student handbook. Many students expressed that the handbook isn’t very clear on what is considered “acceptable behavior” or what the punishment would be. It was agreed upon that there is a need to educate our students on acceptable spectator behavior guidelines. Several suggestions to accomplish these issues were; taping the written guidelines on the bleachers, having a positive cheer clinic led by the students, and/or creating a “best fan” club. Mr. Webber has already received approval and support from all 24 schools in the KLAA on having the athletic directors put together a video on what is appropriate sportsmanship for all students. This would enable the students to understand and exhibit appropriate behavior no matter what school they were at. Ms. DelVecchio and Mr. Webber stressed the importance of positive school spirit and reminded the committee that the focus should be on the kids playing, not taunting the other team.

Recent & Upcoming Events

- The Fall Play, “Almost Maine” will be the weekend of Nov. 21st and students were encouraged to go to the play and support the drama department.
- Thanksgiving break begins November 26.
- Counselor, Jennifer Meyer left flyers to be passed out on volunteers for Challenge Day on December 3rd and 4th. Students were encouraged to sign-up and asked their parents if they would like to volunteer. Mr. Webber shared that after the event is over, he would like to pull together a group of those who have attended a Challenge Day at any time and “challenge” them to think of a way they can promote the day and encourage those who attended.

- Winter Band & Choir Concert will be on December 11
- Mr. Rosekrans explained to the committee that every school has a Healthy Sexuality Advisory Board that consists of a teacher, parent, and student. Mr. Rosekrans asked for approval to nominate teacher Mark Nowicki, parent Donna Spencer, and student Miranda Spencer. The committee approved the nominations.
- Mr. Nowicki sent an email to the staff asking for any concerns or questions they would like the SIP committee to hear. One concern addressed was SLHS and SLEHS girls and boys varsity events being played at the same venue back to back. This would allow the players, parents and fans to cheer on both groups, and have to make the difficult decision of which game to attend. Mr. Nowicki also noted he had several staff questions about the copier situation, which was addressed by Mr. Webber (see Budget Discussion section.)

Student Council Update

- Student Robert Swain, shared with the committee that they are currently working on a Winterfest theme. Possible themes are; Techno-Time, or a winter theme. They have no official date as of yet, but noted that it will be released in the December school newspaper along with the chosen theme. Student Scott Trumbo stated boxes for the can drive have been placed in first hour classes for students and staff to drop off their canned goods through November 19. Student council is still planning on hosting a volleyball/video tournament. Possible dates were discussed and Ms. Blasy suggested they check with advisors first to avoid any conflicts in scheduling.

School Improvement/NCA

- Ms. Blasy discussed what was covered at the staff development In-service held on November 4th. Teachers reviewed and applied concepts from Good to Great; responding to what positive change has occurred at SLHS and what areas they felt needed improvement. They also chose common teaching strategies to use by course over the next month, and they will come together again on December 2nd to share and discuss data collected.
- Kevin Miller shared an idea that he had discussed with Mr. Webber on how to help freshman students who are struggling in math. The “A-Team” would consist of 8-10 upper classmen who understand and are successful in math to tutor these students. Not only would this help struggling freshmen, but hopefully improve the grade that SLHS received on their state report card in Math. Mr. Webber responded positively by offering to provide a room, textbooks, and possibly rotating assistance from a math teacher. To best promote and communicate this idea to the freshman class, the committee suggested picking a date when members of the “A Team” could visit all freshmen math classes or speak to them at an assembly.

Budgetary Discussion

- Mr. Webber informed the committee that in an effort to save money they would be switching their lease agreements for the copiers. The copiers are under a lease agreement until January. Currently the plan is for three copiers instead of the current four. This would save cost, considering there are currently less students in our building and will be even less next year. Also three new, working copiers versus four malfunctioning copiers should benefit everyone. Ms. Del Vecchio noted staff suggestions for looking into a “risograph,” a machine that produces somewhat lower quality copies than a laser and with less features, but operates much faster than a standard copier.

Review of Emergency Procedures

- Mr. Webber reviewed the outcome of the intruder drill that was on 11/6 and informed the committee why he deliberately changed the closing of the drill. He explained that the safety of his students and staff is always first and foremost, and in the event that an intruder was with him he would not give the correct response to ensure students were not put in harm’s way. He further discussed why it is so critical to make sure all of our staff and students are prepared for any circumstance and practice the correct drill procedures. Ms. DelVecchio noted this false response has been done in other buildings to

reinforce safety and procedure, and key staff members were provided training earlier from real experiences.

- A code green drill is scheduled for 12/9/08.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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