

SLHS SIP Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2005

Attendance:

Parents: Sue Massuch
Dianne Beagle
Sue Zimmerman

Students: Toni Lopez – 12th
David Carr – 11th
Kay Ann Schlang – 10th
Robert Swain – 9th

Staff: Pat Ocelnik
April Stover
Ron Weber
Sue Hillman
Larry Jackson
Joel Smigell

Meeting called to order at 2:35 pm by Chairperson S. Massuch. Agenda amended to add items V. D. Grading Plan and VI. B. New Report Cards. Motion to approve agenda as amended made by S. Hillman, seconded by T. Lopez. Motion approved.

Minutes from the October 19, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Comment made by T. Lopez that the minutes stated a senior class representative was needed but she is still serving in that capacity. Reply was that at the last meeting, those present were not sure she was planning to continue in that position. Motion to approve minutes as written made by S. Zimmerman, seconded by S. Massuch. Motion approved.

New Members: David Carr, junior class representative, and Joel Smigell, staff member, were introduced and thanked for volunteering their time.

Tardy Policy Committee: P. Ocelnik volunteered to replace F. Divitto and S. Zimmerman volunteered to be a second parent on this committee. Committee is fully staffed now and will begin meeting.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection Process: S. Massuch reviewed a process proposed last spring by counselors to utilize other factors in addition to overall GPA in selecting valedictorians. Due to the many new SIP members this school year, she will email the proposal to all again. Members are to review the proposal, discuss with constituents and bring comments, ideas, suggestions to the next meeting. Much discussion ensued, primarily centered on the weighting of AP classes. L. Jackson stated that any changes should be effective beginning with an incoming freshman class as it would not be fair to change the rules in the middle of other students' 4-year high school career. Students may have scheduled courses with the goal of achieving valedictorian using the current selection process of GPA only. P. Ocelnik stated that changes in GPA calculations (now utilizing pluses and minuses) and the potential for a more rigorous, state-required curriculum may cause this issue to resolve itself. No decisions are being made by the SIP at this time. Information and comments are being solicited for further discussion.

School Improvement Goals Update: L. Jackson stated that all committees have been meeting and progress in achieving goals is being made. The NCA Transitions program of credentialing students is progressing. NCA accreditation is a 5-year program after which the school is deemed to be “accredited” and the process begins again. SLHS has been accredited continuously by the NCA since 1972.

Grading Plan: The plan, as presented at last month’s SIP meeting, was presented to the Board of Education. There was much discussion. It was determined that the plan will not be implemented during the 2005-06 school year – the current system will remain in place. The Grading and Reporting Committee will meet in December to discuss the parameters that were provided by central office.

Traffic: S. Zimmerman presented information from a meeting she attended regarding the traffic problems and the possible construction of a second SLHS entrance drive. A traffic survey was completed and will be shared with The Oakland County Road Commission and the City's engineers. The information and a plan will be presented to the S.L. Planning Commission at their January 12, 2006 meeting, if they place it on their agenda. The Planning Commission will then act on the plan. The City Council does not have to approve a proposal that has been approved by the Planning Commission. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the Planning Commission, City Council and School Board meetings.

New Report Cards: L. Jackson presented the new SLHS report card format. Key revisions are:

- Habits of Mind section. Four habits are listed in the grade section with definitions of each at the bottom of the report card. Students will receive 1 of 3 marks for each habit which are explained on the report card. Habits marks will appear at the end of each semester only and will not affect grade or GPA calculations.
- Total Absences and Total Tardies will now be cumulative for the semester. They previously were reset to zero at the end of each marking period. This will more accurately present a student’s overall attendance in each class, as attendance for the semester affects whether or not the student receives credit for the class.
- School Notes section. SLHS may now utilize up to 3 lines in printing important messages for parents/guardians.
- New colors. Reports cards will be white with gold shading and blue lettering. School colors – cool.
- GPA. Current marking period GPA along with cumulative GPA will be displayed on each report card. The semester GPA will be printed when applicable.

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 14, 2005 2:35 pm Office Conference Room

Motion to adjourn made by K. Schang, seconded by D. Carr. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: D. Beagle, Secretary