

South Lyon High School

SIP Meeting - Minutes

November 28, 2007

Present: RJ Webber, Principal, KayAnn Schlang, Ms. Schlang, Robert Swain – Student Council representative, Carolyn Krueger – Guest Secretary (for Christine Cogo).

- I. Review of Minutes and Agenda
- II. General Announcements

Old Business

- III. Dances

Proposal for Additional Dance

Robert Swain reported that the Student Council Executive Board voted in favor of having a third dance added within the school year, although the name of the dance was not decided upon. Some of the concerns shared by Mr. Webber were who would accept responsibility for running the event, the cost of the event and the type of dance it would be. The preference is to keep it low-key. Robert shared that the Student Council will accept responsibility for running the dance. They are looking to schedule it on a Friday evening instead of Saturday evening, attire would be casual.

Mr. Webber brought up the idea of incorporating a charity aspect into this dance. He recently learned about United Way's 211 service in Oakland County, which many people are unfamiliar with. People can call this service for a wide range of non-emergency assistance. Based on data collected from use of this service, there is a great need for food assistance in Oakland County. One idea for addressing this need could be to set the dance admission cost as a small fee plus a donation of food for Active Faith. The event could also serve to publicize United Way's 211 service as well. By incorporating a charity aspect into this event, we have a bigger and more attractive reason to promote it within the community. The name of the dance could be creative and catchy so as to reflect a fun event with a charitable purpose.

Student Council was targeting this dance for the spring. There was mention that the National Honor Society was considering holding a spring charity event as well. It would be worth checking into this to see whether the groups could coordinate and work together on this project. Ms. Schiller and Mr. Burke will meet with Mr. Webber to discuss this further. Mr. Webber asked Robert to email him on Tuesday with his thoughts on the dance and his research into the United Way program.

New Business

- IV. Recent and Upcoming Events

Challenge Day and Mix It Up Day went well. The Theater Department production of "Father of the Bride" went well. Mr. Webber would like to encourage student groups and teams within the school to support each other in their activities as a way of building community.

The end of the second marking period is November 30, 2007.

V. Student Council Update

Student Council asked about the ability to see and track their account so they can better plan their expenses and activities. Mr. Webber will speak with Ms. Schiller about this.

Robert also brought up an issue with Skyward. A feature that is no longer available was the ability to see a class average on an assignment or test in any given class. Robert stated that the benefit of this feature is that it allows students to see how their grade or score compares with the class average. Mr. Webber will ask Ms. Hansen if she knows about this change was made to Skyward.

VI. School Improvement/NCA

- a. *Curriculum Day.* Mr. Webber informed the committee that the teachers did a great job working on the "Good to Great" program on Curriculum Day.

VII. Budgetary Discussion

The SIP Committee members looked over the proposed budget for the school. Building copier expenses are high; Mr. Webber would like to explore ways to reduce these expenses.

VIII. Code of Conduct = Restorative Practices
No discussion today.

IX. Review of Emergency Procedures = Code Green Procedures

A building safety drill was practiced this week. Prior to the drill, Mr. Webber consulted with the building staff, the Fire Chief and Police Chief. The drill went well. A number of considerations did arise, such as during a drill and actual emergency, what is the plan for a student arriving to the building with no knowledge of what is occurring? How do we handle other emergencies (e.g., medical) while in the midst of a drill and during a real emergency? We received very positive feedback from SLPD regarding the security of doors and entrance ways.

For a situation when there is a threat outside the building (Code Green), we have a teacher/staff checklist. We still go into a lockdown to prevent the threat from coming into the building.