

## SLHS SIP Meeting Minutes November 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.

In attendance: RJ Webber (Principal), Linda Chudy-Bowman (Asst. Principal), Lisa Del Vecchio (Asst. Principal), Christine Cogo (Staff), Lynn Hensley (Teacher), Rick Fike (Teacher), Mrs. Schlang (Parent), Kay Ann Schlang (Senior Student Rep.), Brooke Schaeffer (Senior Student Rep.), Robert Swain (Junior Student Rep.), and Kevin Miller (Freshman Student Rep.)

The minutes from the October 4, 2007 SIP meeting were reviewed, as well as the agenda for November 5.

### General Announcements:

Mr. Rick Fike, Science Department Facilitator, and Mrs. Lynn Hensley, Science teacher, shared a proposal for a new Science course, Lab Technician. A course proposal, as well as letters of support from Mrs. Hensley's former students, was provided to the SIP committee.

Robert Swain asked that "Student Council Update" be added to the agenda.

### Old Business:

- I. SIP Structure: At this time we will continue to hold SIP meetings after school, so that students may participate without missing class time. Mrs. Schlang, a new parent representative, was introduced and welcomed to the SIP committee.
- II. Recent Events:
  - a. The Homecoming dance held October 13 was a success. Approximately 1100 students were in attendance. We are grateful to the team of class advisors, teachers Kevin Burke, Jill Blasy, Melissa Schiller, and Monica Zuzow, as well as Leadership teacher Mike King for organizing the events. The committee briefly discussed the style of student dancing. Some committee members felt the dancing was an improvement over previous years. Some members felt the style of dancing created discomfort for those at the dance. Student committee members were asked to discuss this concern with their peers. This will be discussed at a future SIP meeting prior to the Winterfest dance.
  - b. The Academic Letter Dinner was held on October 21. Members of the committee noted the program went more smoothly and quickly this year. Mr. Webber described the techniques used to improve the program, such

as using a pre-printed note card for each student in attendance. He also expressed appreciation for Anne McDougal, the keynote speaker from the Zingerman's corporation.

- c. The MME retest was held on October 30. The administrators shared details of planning and implementing the retest for nearly 200 students who had the opportunity to participate in order to further qualify for the Michigan Promise Scholarship funds.
- III. The second hand on the TV clocks was restored. This was asked to be done at the previous SIP meeting.

New Business:

- IV. Upcoming Events:
- a. Challenge Day will be held in the auxiliary gym on November 7 and 8.
  - b. The Drama dept. will perform Father of the Bride on November 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7pm and on November 18 at 2pm.
- V. Staff Deveopment:
- a. Staff participated in a professional development meeting on October 30 and will have a full day in-service on November 6. Teachers will read Good to Great in the Social Sectors by Jim Collins. This book will be provided to the Leadership class students as well. Teachers will use the CPS units to check their understanding of the reading.
  - b. Mr. Webber emphasized the importance of staff learning to communicate with a common language of leadership within the school.
- VI. Budget: The budget will be prepared by Mr. Webber and Michele Darket for the next SIP meeting.
- VII. Code of Conduct:
- a. The Substance Abuse Policy was distributed to members of the committee.
  - b. Ms. Del Vecchio pointed out the importance of the intervention strategies within policy, emphasizing that prevention of further incidents and student health/safety is addressed as well as discipline.
- VIII. Review of Crisis Plan: The SIP committee reviewed the procedures for the Intruder Drill.
- IX. Introduction of Officer Walton and Marsha Barnett – this will take place at a future SIP meeting.
- X. Student Council Update
- a. Robert Swain shared the Executive Council's interest in sponsoring a 3<sup>rd</sup> dance to the school year. The proposed dance would be a Sadie Hawkins theme, with a casual dress, and without the other activities such as a pep assembly or spirit week. The students are interested in the dance taking place at the beginning of April. The students would also like to see a better selection of music, perhaps by way of adding a live band in the gym. Ms. Del Vecchio suggested the DJ for future dances could be asked

to play a better variety of music as well. The idea will be discussed again at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.