

# **SLHS SIP Committee**

**Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2006**

## **Attendance:**

Parents: Nancy Kirchoff	Students: Derrick Popp – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Staff: Denise Brandon
Dianne Beagle	Robert Swain – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Jackson
Sue Zimmerman	Kay Ann Schlang – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Hillman
	Brooke Schaffer – 11 <sup>th</sup>	
	David Carr – 12 <sup>th</sup>	

Meeting called to order at 2:38 pm by Chairperson D. Brandon

**Addition of Agenda Items:** Item B. Implementation of Visitor Procedure was added under New Business.

**2007-2008 Curriculum:** Students heard rumors of many courses being dropped from the curriculum. Students were concerned that courses they had planned to take in their junior/senior years would no longer be available. L. Jackson clarified that due to changes in Michigan graduation requirements, some courses are being phased out, some are being combined and new courses will be added. Changes will not affect course offerings for Classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009. Clarification of changes will be given to all students.

**School Computer Issues:** Students remain frustrated over image filtering being automatically performed on SLHS computers. Access to many websites that contain pictures/graphic images is being denied. L. Jackson contacted Dave Soderquist in the Technology Department who offered this explanation:

Technology protection measures are required by Federal law to protect students from inappropriate (obscene, pornographic and/or harmful to minors) web content.

As a result, SLCS blocks access to images and “open” image search engines that may provide such content. Even though these search engines (e.g. google.images) can provide useful images, they also can access innumerable inappropriate ones. District principle is if it’s possible to obtain inappropriate images from a site, they side with Federal requirements and block it.

SLCS suggests the following safe search engines (contact Media Specialists for more):

- Ask Jeeves for Kids
- Cybersleuth Kids (links to classroomclipart.com)
- Kids Click
- Ithaki.net
- Yahoooligans
- pics4learning.com
- loc.gov (Library of Congress)
- Microsoft Clip Art (search from any Office product)

**New Members:** R. Swain asked to reiterate that the Committee needs one more teacher member, one sophomore alternate and one senior alternate.

**Criteria for Helper Passes:** D. Brandon and T. Markin of the attendance office asked for guidance on how to stop the abuse of this procedure. Students who temporarily need assistance carrying belongings from class to class often solicit “helpers” who have to travel long distances from all over the building. Over the course of a day, the helper can miss up to 10 minutes or so from every class. Some students offer to help solely to get out of class this way. R. Swain made the following motion, seconded by B. Schaffer: Every effort should be made to obtain a helper from each class of the student in need to minimize class disruption and missed class time. Motion unanimously approved.

**Implementation of Visitor Procedure:** L. Jackson displayed the new, stick-on badges that all visitors will be required to wear while in the building during school hours. Will have similar badges for guest teachers. All visitors must sign in at one of three locations: Mrs. Korr’s office by the courtyard entrance, Student Services or the Main Office. All visitors (except SLCS employees wearing clothing that identifies them as a district employee) must wear a badge the entire time he/she is in the building. Only exception is a parent/guardian entering just to drop off something for their student at the attendance office.

**Grading System:** High School Report Card Committee will convene after semester end to evaluate the new grading/reporting system. L. Jackson stated there will be a meeting for parents and students to discuss the new grading system on February 7, 2007, at 7:00 pm in the Lecture Hall. A letter to that effect will be sent home after break. R. Swain asked that all Committee members talk to constituents and bring feedback to the January SIP Meeting where it will be compiled into a letter for the Report Card Committee.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 17, 2007 2:35 pm Office Conference Room

Motion to adjourn made by D. Carr, seconded by K. Schlang. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: D. Beagle, Secretary