

## **SLHS SIP Committee**

**Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2005**

### **Attendance:**

Parents: Sue Massuch	Students: Toni Lopez – 12th	Staff: April Stover
	David Carr – 11th	Ron Weber
	Kay Ann Schlang – 10th	Sue Hillman
	Robert Swain – 9th	Larry Jackson
	Brooke Schaffer – 10th	Joel Smigell

Meeting called to order at 2:35 pm by Chairperson S. Massuch.  
Agenda amended to add items V.A. Minutes of Staff meetings B. Graffiti issue at high school. Motion to approve agenda as amended made by T. Lopez, seconded by R. Weber. Motion approved.

Minutes from the November 16, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Typographical error on the spelling of Kay Ann Schlang noted, also minutes should reflect that comment by Toni Lopez in beginning of meeting stated she is looking for an alternate senior class representative but will be continuing as the senior class representative at this time. Motion by J. Smigell to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by A. Stover. Motion carried.

**New Members:** Larry Jackson stated Nancy Kirchoff is going to serve as a parent on the SIP committee but was unable to attend this meeting.

**Tardy Policy Committee:** First meeting held on December 12, 2005. Preliminary discussions on tardy absence, definition of tardy, excused vs. unexcused tardies, and implementation of school wide tardy policy with x number of tardies equaling an absence were held. Information on discussion that ensued was shared with the entire SIP committee. General discussion held during SIP meeting with pros/cons of various ideas by the subcommittee. Ron Weber agreed to also serve on tardy policy committee as substitute. Next meeting, January 9, 2006.

**Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection Process:** Implementation by the State of Michigan in graduation requirements may make this less of an issue than it has been. There is a proposal to require 4 credits English, 3 credits math, 2 years of a foreign language among other requirements for graduation. This may make determination of a valedictorian/salutatorian less difficult and reduce the number of students achieving this honor. Motion made by R. Weber to table this discussion until the April meeting; seconded by K. Schlang. Motion carried. Comment made during discussion re: Ashland Schools method of determining a valedictorian/salutatorian as noted on a website by a student member. Website to be e-mailed to all for their information:  
[www.ashlandhs.org/schoolcommittee/policies\\_academic.html](http://www.ashlandhs.org/schoolcommittee/policies_academic.html)

**School Improvement Goals Update:** L. Jackson stated that all committees have been meeting and progress in achieving goals is being made. Preparations are ongoing in anticipation of the first visit from the NCA chairperson in late winter.

**Staff Meeting Minutes:** Inquiry from SIP member as to the availability of the staff meeting minutes with the hope that rumors could be averted as happened with the proposed new grading plan.

**Graffiti:** Information requested on recent incidents of graffiti occurring on the high school grounds. Concern was brought up by SIP member that students were asked to speak with the police liaison without explanation as to why they were the ones questioned. Mr. Jackson explained why certain students were selected, but will follow up on the concern.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 18, 2006 2:35 pm Office Conference Room

Motion to adjourn made by J. Smigell, seconded by S. Hillman. Motion approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Brooke Schaffer