

**South Lyon High School**  
**SIP Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2009**

**Present:**

Staff Members: R.J. Webber, Lisa DelVecchio, Mitch Rosekrans, Jill Blasy, Joel Smigell, Paula Marken  
Parents: Deborah Schlang, Cari DeLamielleure  
Guests: Dr. Pearson  
Students: Kevin Miller, Robert Swain, Colleen Harrison, Kristen Altenberger, Torie Agne, Scott Trumbo, Jaclyn Schlang, Devin Petricca, Clare DeLamielleure  
Absent: Mark Nowicki

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes from the January 28, 2009 SIP meeting were reviewed, along with the agenda for February 11.

**Old Business**

- The A-Team was asked by Mr. Webber if they would be able to move the day they tutor students struggling in math to Thursdays to coincide with the late bus. This would encourage more students to attend knowing they would have transportation. Many students involved with the A-Team are also involved in NHS, which also tutors on Thursdays, so that day would not work. The A-Team will be looking at other days that would work and discuss them at the next SIP meeting.
- Pancake Dinner with the principal was a success. The common goal was to talk about what we can do to reach our kids in the community. A group of core parents volunteered to coordinate the next event and will be meeting with Mr. Webber for approval on the date.
- MIT- On Thursday, January 29, two presenters from MIT's Women's Initiative program came to give presentations on engineering. Approximately 100 students voluntarily participated in these presentations. The presentations gave students an insight into the world of engineering. The presenters started off with a PowerPoint explaining all of the types of engineering. They also shared some of their experiences with being an engineer. The presentation was designed to encourage more females to go into the field of engineering and to bust stereotypes of engineers. Students commented that they did not realize the wide variety of engineering fields or the depth and types of work that engineers are involved with. Overall, this was a positive experience and opened the door for many girls as a possible career.

**New Business**

- The Math Summit Report was presented by Mr. Webber. He discussed the transition from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade and how the data shows that Geometry is very difficult for many students. Math teachers are collaborating on how to close the gaps in instruction and helping the freshman class succeed. On February 12, Mr. Rosekrans will be attending a Math conference with Oakland schools which focuses on the success of Algebra I students.
- **Recent & Upcoming Events**
  - NAEP (National Association of Educational Progress) was held on February 5<sup>th</sup> and went well. A random group of 12th grade students were selected to take this test. While most of our

students did participate in the voluntary testing, we came up just short of the requirement of 90% of selected students tested. The NAEP Make-Up test will be held on Tuesday, February 24 which will consist of a small testing session of 10 or less students. Ms. DelVecchio will contact each of these students in advance and give them the date and time of the make-up test.

- SLHS Curriculum Fair is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting at 6:30 for freshman parents along with a power point presentation.
- Mid-Winter Break is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Review of the Practice ACT scores with Juniors will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- MME/ACT is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cougar Hour – Mr. Webber asked for volunteers to talk to students from SLEHS to see how they feel Cougar Hour is going and share with the committee at the next SIP meeting. He stated that he has heard positive feedback from the teachers and wants to discuss how we might implement it at SLHS and whether this would be a good fit for our school.

### **Student Council Update**

Winterfest spirit week is scheduled on March 2 – 6. The Winterfest Assembly will be on Friday, March 6. The decorating committee will be split into several sub-committees. They are currently working on issues they are having with setting up black lights.

### **School Improvement/NCA**

- Ms. DelVecchio reviewed how the day will look for the MME testing that all 11<sup>th</sup> graders are required to take in March. She discussed what students can expect and the regiments and requirements for making this a success; following directions, no cell phones, irregularities, and situations that can cause invalid tests.
- Ms. DelVecchio reviewed and answered questions on the proposed changes to the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct for the 2009-10 school year.

### **Budgetary Discussion**

- Tabled for discussion at the March SIP meeting.

### **Review of Emergency Procedures**

- Mr. Webber passed out information on Emergency procedures for severe weather for the SIP committee to review.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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