

South Lyon High School SIP Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. Attending were: RJ Webber (Principal), Lisa Del Vecchio (AP), Sue Hillman (Teacher), Joel Smigell (Teacher), Christine Cogo (Staff), Ms. Schlang (Parent), Sue Jimenez (Parent) Kay Ann Schlang (Senior Rep.), Robert Swain (Junior Rep.), Kevin Miller (Freshmen Rep.).

I. Review of minutes and agenda

II. General announcements:

The meeting began with a brief discussion of the canine search, which took place this morning. This search went very smoothly, and took less time than last year.

Mr. Webber stated he would like to see more students attend the SIP meetings. He would like to have six to eight students per meeting. He would like to include special needs students and students that attend OTC. Ms. Del Vecchio noted there will be a new 10th grade representative at the next SIP meeting.

III. Recent and Upcoming Events:

The Curriculum Fair was held on February 28th for the incoming 9th grade students. We had a very strong turnout of parents as well as current teachers who represented our SLHS courses and programs.

The ACT/MME testing took place on March 11-13th. Mr. Webber stated how happy he was with the effort and hard work of the staff, students and AP's. The State requires many detailed requirements to administer the tests, including additional clocks in the testing classrooms, desks measured to a specific length away from each other and phone receivers removed from the classroom to prevent disruptions. There was a tremendous amount of pressure that the Special Education Department was under and they successfully accomplished their tasks.

Kay Ann Schlang mentioned that this year's schedule worked out better due to expanding the testing another day. Robert Swain stated that he was glad the ACT test was on the first day for a fresh start.

Lisa Del Vecchio noted that the state determines the actual and make-up testing dates.

Sue Jimenez said there was some confusion over the bus transportation on the third day for the non testing students. Ms. Del Vecchio suggested next year, we send a letter for 9th, 10th and 12th grade students, along with the current, separate letter for the 11th grade students who receive the testing information.

Spring break is March 21-28, 2008.

ACT/MME make-ups will be on March 25-27, 2008. We have approx. 10 students who will be here to do the make-up.

IV. Student Council Update:

Robert Swain stated that Student Council is having a video game tournament on April 4th in the library right after school. On April 11th they are sponsoring a volleyball tournament. Proceeds for both events are going to the Great Lake Burn Camp. They will advertise the tournaments through the Lions Roar and TV announcements. Mr. Webber stated he would like to have a nice prize for the winning team. Robert Swain also said student council is working on elections for next year.

V. School Improvement NCA:

At a recent staff meeting, teachers completed a self-reflection related to Habits of Mind. They were asked to assess their use in the classroom, department, any training needs, and which HOM's their students do well or poorly. SIP members were given an opportunity to complete the self-reflection as well. Mr. Webber stated the elementary and middle schools concentrate on HOM's and he would like to see us continue to build upon this at SLHS.

VI. Review of Emergency Procedures

Mr. Webber briefly reviewed the drills we will be having in the spring, which include a Code Green drill, tornado drills, and fire drills. Mr. Webber stated we will be doing some of these drills during lunch or passing time, so we are prepared for emergencies that may take place at those times. Students and teachers will be prepared for these drills in advance.

- V. Mr. Webber concluded the meeting by showing a 10 minute clip from a documentary entitled *2 Million Minutes*. The video documents the experiences of students during their last year of high school in the United States, India, and China.