

South Lyon High School SIP Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:59pm. Attending were: RJ Webber (Principal), Lisa Del Vecchio (AP), Mitch Rosekrans (AP), Sue Hillman (Teacher), Joel Smigell (Teacher), Jill Blasy (Teacher) Christine Cogo (Staff), Ms. Schlang (Parent), Robert Swain (Junior Rep.), Nick Allen (Sophomore Rep.).

I. Review of minutes and agenda

II. General announcements:

Mr. Webber stated he would like to see more students attend the SIP meetings. He noted that he invited more students to this meeting and they could not attend at the last minute. He would like to have six to eight students per meeting. The Student Council has decided to change their election format (see below) and this will increase student participation.

III. Recent and Upcoming Events:

After School events: Videogame tournament 4/4/08 and Volleyball tournament 4/11/08.

Both events were such a success, students did not want to leave! Proceeds for both events went to the Great Lakes Burn Camp.

Career Pathways Fair, 4/16/08: Tenth grade students attended the fair, organized by facilitator Jane Miloch. There was a variety of career presentations by a variety of professionals.

Annie, 4/18-19 & 4/25-27: The play was outstanding. The cast and crew worked hard for its success. Mr. Webber stated that he received a very nice letter from an individual who attended the play, commending our staff and students.

Community College Day, 4/23/08: It was nice to see Oakland Community College, Washtenaw Community College and Schoolcraft Community

College visit our school. Mr. Rosekrans stopped by and said there were a lot of students attending the sessions.

Administrative Professionals Day, 4/23/08: Mr. Webber wanted to thank the administrative staff for the wonderful job they are doing.

End of 5th marking period is 4/30/08.

Pride Week, 4/28-5/2/08. There will be different events after school for the students and staff, including tournaments in ping pong, badminton, bowling, euchre, as well as a pizza-eating contest. Friday will conclude Pride Week with a pep assembly featuring student bands and a student-staff basketball game. All proceeds will go to charity. Ms. Del Vecchio was pleased to see many staff members signing up to participate in this fun filled event. Mr. Webber stated one of the SIP committee's goals was to involve more students in school events, and offering opportunities to reflect a wide-range of student interests.

IV. Student Council Update:

Planning for the Senior and Junior prom is underway. It will be held on May 30, 2008 at Andiamo's in Warren. Lisa Del Vecchio stated there are a few students she would like to help with a ticket to prom because of financial hardship. She will be speaking with student organizations that may sponsor a ticket for these students.

Student Council will move from a "slate" format for elections to an individual format. Students will not run as a group for the class positions, but run individually. There will also be a position created for each class to have a SIP representative. The Student Council is also discussing ways to increase student participation once elected, while allowing students to balance their other extra-curricular involvement.

V. School Improvement NCA:

Mr. Rosekrans reviewed the work being done to complete the School Improvement Report for SLHS. This report will review our progress using the most recent 9th grade MEAP data, common district assessment data, and MME data.

Ms. Del Vecchio reviewed the NCA Credentialing & AYP work staff members will be doing this spring. She shared the criteria for 9th and 10th grade students to be considered credentialed. Those students not credentialed in a specific subject area will be flagged for the current teachers, who will then make suggested instructional strategies for the students' teachers next year.

Mr. Smigell inquired about the possibility of aligning the databases such as Lauer or the NCA Credentialing database with Skyward, for increased accessibility. Ms. Del Vecchio will inquire with Barb Heininger, who works with these databases, and also invite her to the next SIP meeting. Mr. Webber noted that the training the staff will receive next year with the Pearson Benchmark Assessment program is expected to aid staff in having more accessible, frequent feedback on student learning.

Finally, the administrators briefly reviewed the concept of AYP in regards to participation rates and sub-groups. Schools are required to have 95% or higher participation on tests such as the MEAP and MME to make AYP, including sub-groups of 30 students or more. Sub-groups include Special Education and economically disadvantaged students, for example. With a sub group of about 30 students, only a few students not taking a test can impact AYP.

VI. Review of Emergency Procedures

Mr. Webber reviewed the recent tornado drills, including the county drill conducted during the lunch period. He was pleased they were both under three minutes in length. Students are responding and listening well; Mr. Webber stated he appreciates students' meeting our expectations for safety. He stated the school will be having an intruder drill during a non-structured time such as passing time between classes. It was discussed how to account for all the students and adults. Ms. Blasy mentioned at lunch time it is very loud and it would be hard for the students to hear an announcements. Ms. Schlang suggested perhaps there could be flashing warning sign on our television sets. Mitch Rosekrans said that our PA system needs to be updated. The administrators will meet with the Directors of Technology and Operations to present these concerns and problem-solve. They will report the results of the meeting to SIP.

VII. SIP Evaluation

The SIP committee individually completed the yearly SIP evaluation form. The full SLHS staff will be completing this as well. Results will be tallied and reviewed at the next SIP meeting.