

SLHS SIP Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2006

Attendance:

Parents: Sue Massuch
Dianne Beagle
Sue Zimmerman

Students: Robert Swain – 9th
Kay Ann Schlang – 10th

Staff: Sue Hillman
Ron Weber
Larry Jackson

Meeting called to order at 2:44 pm by Chairperson S. Massuch.

Two items were requested to be added to agenda: V. B. Standards-based Grading and V. C. Information on Classroom Student Log Procedure. Motion to approve agenda as amended made by R. Swain, seconded by K. Schlang. Motion approved.

Minutes from April 12, 2006 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as written made by K. Schlang, seconded by S. Hillman. Motion approved.

SIP Evaluation Process: R. Weber presented results from the survey developed and distributed by a SIP sub-committee (ref. attached). Approximately 110 surveys were distributed – 33 returned. Based on analysis of the responses, the following points were determined:

1. SIP Committee Strengths
 - Most respondents know how to contact a SIP member
 - More than half of respondents have contacted a SIP member
 - Most respondents think communication from the SIP Committee to staff is adequate
2. Weaknesses
 - Most respondents only know 2 or fewer SIP members
 - Communication between the SIP Committee and other District or High School committees is insufficient
 - Public awareness of what the SIP Committee is and does is low
3. Suggestions for Improvement
 - Publish meeting agendas via TV announcements
 - Publish information on decisions made via TV announcements (rather than a month later through meeting minutes)
 - Create an informational bulletin board with names, pictures, methods of contact for all current SIP members, as well as other pertinent SIP-related information
 - Put notification of upcoming SIP meetings on sign in front of building
 - Distribute surveys at a staff meeting next year to increase return rate

2006/2007 School Budget: No new information. Everything was approved at the April 12th meeting.

School Improvement Goals/NCA Update: Work continues on goals. Also working on the credentialing plan being piloted this year. Still waiting for NCA Chairperson visit.

New SIP Members Needed: Will need at least one new parent representative and student representatives from all 4 grades. May also need teacher and support staff members. All interested should contact L. Jackson.

Standards-based Grading: L. Jackson presented an overview and stated that all teachers in all classes will be implementing this beginning next school year. Expectations and objectives for the course will be set by the teacher and communicated to all students at the beginning of the year. Grades will be based only on items that show the student has/has not met the objectives of the course and has/has not mastered the required material. Other items such as attendance, bringing materials to class, etc. will be reflected in the Habits of Mind categories on the report cards. Objectives, expectations and scoring will be consistent by course, e.g. all algebra I classes will be alike; all chemistry classes will be alike, etc.

Teachers will use one of two options for reporting grades:

1. The student will receive a grade for each separate card-marking period. Grades will be averaged for the semester with each card-marking, plus the final exam, weighted as a specified percentage of the total.
2. The course will be worth a specified number of points for the semester with each card-marking period accumulating a pre-determined amount of this total. The student's grade will be based on the number of possible points he/she has accumulated during each card-marking period. The semester grade will reflect the number of total points the student has accumulated.

Retirement: S. Massuch was thanked for all her work as Chairperson this year and for all the years she has devoted to the SIP Committee. She will not be returning in the fall as her daughter is graduating.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 20, 2006 2:35 pm Office Conference Room

Motion to adjourn made by K. Schlang, seconded by S. Hillman. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: D. Beagle, Secretary

consideration by next year's committee.