

South Lyon High School SIP Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. Attending were: RJ Webber (Principal), Lisa Del Vecchio (AP), Mitch Rosekrans (AP), Sue Hillman (Teacher), Joel Smigell (Teacher), Jill Blasy (Teacher), Mark Nowicki (Teacher), Christine Cogo (Staff), Barb Heining (Assessment Facilitator), Ms. Schlang (Parent), Ms. Zimmerman (Parent), Ms. Evans (Parent), Robert Swain (Junior Rep.), Nick Evans, (Sophomore), Shelby Stephens, (Sophomore), Corrine Anderson, (Sophomore).

I. Review of minutes and agenda

II. General announcements:

Barb Heining, Assessment Facilitator from the district, opened the meeting by sharing information about databases, as this was a question presented at the last SIP meeting. The district uses the Lauer database and the NCA credentialing database in order to track student assessment data, and Ms. Heining explained the differences and uses of both. These databases help us monitor our progress towards AYP. Teachers also are provided item analysis of semester exam data. She also described the Pearson Benchmark system, which our staff will be trained on in the fall.

Mr. Webber invited everyone back next year for the SIP meetings. Members present provided their names if they were interested in attending the meetings next year.

Mark Nowicki is working with Sue Sullivan, Manager of Food Services on providing nutritional information to students about the lunch items. Mark stated that students were interested in having this information to make wise lunch choices.

III. Recent and Upcoming Events:

The Band Concert that was held on 5/20/08 was a success.

There will be a Choir concert, "Spring Sing" at 7:00pm on 5/27/08. The celebration will include contemporary music, senior recognition and refreshments. Admission is free.

Senior Locker clean out is 5/27/08.

Prom will be held at Andiamo in Warren on 5/30/08. Maps are available in the main office.

On 6/3/08 9th thru 11th grade locker clean out and materials check day.

Graduation will be on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 6:00pm located at Eastern Michigan University. A graduation letter with all senior events was mailed home.

Final exams for 9th-11th grade students will be 6/10-6/12, half days.

IV. Student Council Update:

An election was held for students running for student council next year. They ran this year individually instead of seven people on a slate. They did a televised speech for the announcements.

Robert Swain mentioned how he would like to explore the idea of a similar hour to Cougar Hour at East for students here at South Lyon High. Robert thought it would be nice because it is sometimes hard for students to stay after school to get help because of transportation issues or an activity after school. The committee discussed how Cougar Hour works at East. It was determined to explore this further as a committee, and possibly invite an East staff member to come to our SIP to describe the process.

V. School Improvement NCA:

Mr. Webber is working on the master schedule for the 2008/2009 school year.

Mr. Webber stated the incoming freshmen students will need 23 credits to graduate; therefore failing even one class can make it difficult to graduate

on time without taking summer school courses. To make up a .5 credit class through summer school it will cost the student approximately \$275.00 or more. Mr. Webber shared the importance of all parents and students understanding the cost of making up courses and the credits needed to graduate. Ms. Schlang said she would like them also to mention the importance of the GPA for the freshmen year. The higher it is, the easier it will be for them to keep the GPA high for the following years.

VI. Review of Emergency Procedures

Recently the administrators met with Mr. Casey and Mr. Cox about operational and technical needs for the intruder drills (as discussed at the last SIP meeting) They discussed how to clearly alert students and staff of an intruder in the school. Using a special tone on the PA system is likely the best option, as it can be activated by a telephone. They also will be looking at improvements to the audio systems in the Lecture Hall and Commons area.

VII. SIP Evaluation

At the last SIP meeting each member completed an evaluation form; teaching staff was asked to do so as well. The SIP members reviewed the tallied results and comments from those responding. The members discussed ways to improve sharing information from SIP with staff, such as scrolling the agenda, and having a teacher representative share information at a staff meeting.