

SLHS SIP Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2006

Attendance:

Parents: Nancy Kirchoff	Students: Robert Swain – 10 th	Staff: Sue Hillman
Dianne Beagle	Kay Ann Schlang – 11 th	Denise Brandon
Sue Zimmerman	Brooke Schaffer – 12 th	Larry Jackson

Meeting called to order at 2:40 pm by L. Jackson.

Introduction of New Member: L. Jackson introduced Denise Brandon who will be representing support staff and stated that Ron Weber will be returning as a teacher representative but could not make today's meeting.

SIP Process: L. Jackson reviewed history, purpose, membership, guidelines. Explained how SIP decision making process functions. Stressed that this SIP committee only deals with issues affecting SLHS. Members represent specific constituent groups (e.g. parents, students, teachers) and any questions, suggestions or feedback will be brought by them to monthly SIP meetings. L. Jackson proposed that he could relate educational issues discussed at staff meetings to the SIP as a means of providing the committee with more background information.

L. Jackson asked for input on possibility of holding SIP meetings during the school day. All members present stated they did not want to have students or teachers out of class. Meeting at 2:35 pm was the best option. With the purpose of SIP being to make student education more effective, pulling staff and students out of class for SIP meetings was contradictory.

Pep Assemblies: Issue had been tabled at the May 2006 meeting. Much discussion ensued on how to make assemblies more fun and get more students involved in the skits, cheering, etc. L. Jackson asked opinion of allowing the "Go home freshmen" cheer. All members stated that the cheer was meant to be fun, all students understood that and many freshmen even looked forward to it. Consensus of SIP committee is to allow cheer to continue and do not have band attempt to drown it out. Suggestions on how to improve the assembly and the class competitions held during Homecoming week will be passed on to Student Council advisor by L. Jackson.

Student Morale: Issue had been tabled at the May 2006 meeting. Student members stated that morale was actually quite good so far this fall. Many events had occurred during the final two months of school last year that eroded student morale. A few months off, new classes and new teachers seemed to remedy that. Student members will monitor.

Drug Dog Searches: L. Jackson explained procedures. Surprise search will be announced. Students will put all belongings in hall outside classroom for dogs to sniff. Will have 11 dogs so search will occur quickly. K. Schlang and B. Schaffer said girls would be reluctant to leave purses in hall. L. Jackson stated that once items were left out, no students would be allowed in halls. Officers and dogs would search, then girls would be sent out first to retrieve purses.

Any student finding his/her items missing would be sent immediately to the office. First search will indicate if procedures require modification.

Slow Computers: R. Swain reported that many building computers were extremely slow. Also, shared drive access appears to have been eliminated. Shared drive was very convenient for passing work back and forth between teachers and students. L. Jackson will investigate.

New SIP Members: Freshman class representatives will be selected by the end of the month. Alternates are still needed for grades 10-12. Teacher and parent members are also needed. Anyone interested should contact L. Jackson.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 18, 2006 2:35 pm Office Conference Room

Motion to adjourn made by K. Schlang, seconded by B. Schaffer. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: D. Beagle, Secretary