

**South Lyon High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2008**

Present:

Staff Members: R.J. Webber, Jill Blasy, Joel Smigell, Paula Marken

Parents: Debra Schlang

Students: Kevin Miller, Jaclyn Schlang, Kevin Miller, Brock Mizikow, Andrew Sarpolis, Andrea Cogo, Colleen Harrison, Sam Parzuchowski, Devin Petricca, Clare Delamielleure

Guests: Mike Casey, Melissa Meister

Absent: Lisa DelVecchio, Mitch Rosekrans, Mary Roman, Mark Nowicki, Cari Delamielleure, Laura Evans, Robert Swain, Amber Bates, Kristen Altenberger

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

Guest speakers: Mike Casey and Melissa Meister discussed the new start and end times for the 2009-2010 school year. By staggering the start times, the bus drivers will be able to complete more runs throughout the day, thus producing significant transportation cost savings for the district. Over the next five years it is estimated that the district will save \$966,000. The new times are as follows:

Schools	Start Time	End Time
Bartlett, Sayre, and Kent Lake	8:15 a.m.	3:18 p.m.
Brummer, Dolsen, Hardy, and Salem	8:57 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
CMS and MMS	7:35 a.m.	2:28 p.m.
SLHS and SLEHS	7:20 a.m.	2:13 p.m.

General Announcements

- SIP meeting schedule – Wednesdays at 3:00pm:
 - September 24
 - October 15
 - November 12
 - December 17
 - January 14

- February 11
- March 18
- April 15
- May 13
- Students provided positive feedback when asked by Mr. Webber how the opening student assemblies went. They thought they went well and appreciated that they weren't as long and enjoyed the power point.
- Mr. Webber gave an update on student culture: cell phones, dress code, and tardiness. He expressed that he has noticed a huge difference and that students are meeting the expectations the school has set on these issues. Students commented that they have seen the "cell phone man" in their classrooms and have found it to be effective and they too have noticed more students are making an effort to turn their cell phones are off.
- Invitations were sent to all freshmen parents for a special presentation to attend at open house.

Recent & Upcoming Events

- Staff "Meet & Greets" will be held on October 2 & 3 in an effort to help improve and encourage open communication between administration and staff. The teachers will have an opportunity to talk about ideas, issues and concerns they may have.
- Homecoming Weekend is October 10 & 11.
- MEAP, PLAN, and practice ACT will be held on October 23. The schedule is as follows: 9th grade class will be taking the MEAP in their Social Studies class, 10th grade class will be taking the PLAN, 11th grade class will be taking the practice ACT, and the 12th grade class will participate in a senior in-service including cap/gown presentation, Herff Jones class photo, and breakout sessions covering preparations and colleges.

Student Council Update

- Student Council shared that Heinz Park Ford is offering to provide 6 convertibles for the Homecoming parade. The King will be moved from Winterfest to join the Queens at Homecoming. Junior council reported that prom will be having a senior court prior to the dance and voting will take place at the dance.

- Several students expressed an interest in starting a Christian club and finding ways to inform more students about it and the importance of community.

School Improvement/NCA

- Mr. Webber reported that there will be a strong focus on freshman this year. The 9th grade parents were invited to attend a meeting at Curriculum Night to discuss items such as HS requirements and how it will look to them over the next four years. The emphasis was on helping parents become informed and involved with the school.
- Mr. Webber shared how the August staff In-services allowed Middle school and high school teachers the opportunity to discuss specific students and what strategies worked for them.

Budgetary Discussion

- Mr. Webber explained staffing changes in the hall and lunch monitors this year. Students complimented on how well lunch is going with fewer students and shared that the school seems cleaner with students being required to stay in the commons to eat their lunches.

Review of Emergency Procedures

- Mr. Webber reviewed the 2008-09 drills for the school year. During the last fire drill administration had blocked a door to see how students and staff would respond. Both the police and fire department were stunned to see how well staff and students responded. The red/green emergency cards were also distributed and successfully used during the drill.

Other

- Mr. Webber discussed putting together a parent/teacher organization. This would include; a potluck with the principal, inviting families to attend, arranging for childcare, discussing the school, and setting up dates for the organization to meet monthly. Several ideas for accomplishing this task include sending a formal invite, email parents that are listed on Skyward, improving the website and/or including something in the Herald.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
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