

Sayre Elementary School
SIP Minutes
January 19, 2012

Meeting Started at 1:00pm, all members were in attendance.

1. Student council members Rebecca Azure and Michael Beecher joined the committee to share their thoughts regarding March is Reading Month activities, the End of Year Celebration, Spirit Days, and recycling. The students enjoy the March activities and appreciated Jonathan Rand's visit last year. They suggested a sports theme or animal kingdom theme for future End of Year Celebrations. The student council will be organizing a once a month spirit day, beginning Feb. 8. Students will be encouraged to contribute 25 or 50 cents to a collection for a charitable organization on each spirit day. Mr. Cherry will be contacting recycling companies in the area to find the best way to recycle plastic water bottles.
2. The SIP committee reviewed our current monthly budget statement. In December, we did purchase ELMO wireless tablets for every classroom, and teachers have these and can begin to use them now. These allow for some interactive instruction using technology. It has been proposed to the SLCS Board of Education that the Hunter's Creek subdivision be added to within Sayre's boundaries, which would result in approximately two more classrooms at Sayre. The district will financially assist Sayre in the purchasing of furniture for these classrooms. In addition to the two new kindergarten classrooms (also proposed to the board, awaiting a February vote), Sayre is responsible for outfitting them with the current technology we have in other classrooms, which has been purchased with PTO and/or building funds. This includes document cameras, projectors, sound amplification systems, and Elmo wireless tablets. The committee agreed that carryover funds should be saved for these purchases. We also discussed the possible need for a copy machine for the main workroom, as our current machine is malfunctioning frequently, and the need to replenish monitor bulbs for classroom projectors. Teachers noted a need for more guided reading materials. All of these needs combined will prevent us from purchasing more technology this year. Mrs. Murphy will work with the PTO to continue our technology plans.
3. Our AdvancED Progress Report was submitted on December 1. The reviewer response from AdvancED commended us on the steps we have taken to improve in our two required actions (student goal-setting and student-led conferencing, and increasing student proficiency with equal emphasis on high achieving students). We will continue with our school improvement goals and host another QAR before December 2014.
4. February will be a time to celebrate our diversity across SLCS. The SIP committee discussed some ways that we could teach students that our differences enrich our lives and our community. We will utilize morning announcements and possibly schedule an assembly. The committee also explored the idea of having every student conduct an interview and/or survey with a family member during the month, and sharing those results in classrooms and school-wide. More ideas are encouraged!
5. We reviewed our activities to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 16. Teachers shared what they did in their classrooms, and Mrs. Quinn shared the book her students created. In South Lyon, students go to school on that holiday to honor MLK's work and his belief in equal rights, and education, for all.
6. Sayre parents are encouraged to attend the Attorney General Office's Michigan Cyber-Safety Initiative Community Seminar on the evening of Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Information has gone home in Sayre Says.

7. SIP members privately listed the names of teachers who they thought were deserving of the Teacher of the Year recognition and gave those to Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy received just a few recommendations from parents and families after soliciting those in Sayre Says. The honoree will be announced in February.

8. Dana DeGrazia shared tentative plans for March is Reading Month activities. The theme is Story-Telling Around the World. Students will receive passports and are encouraged to read stories from certain countries during “pit stops.” Students can summarize the stories for an extra challenge. Prizes will be books from the Scholastic Book Fair to be held in April. Teachers will receive folders of resources for students to read if needed. Our visiting author/story teller is Jenifer Strauss, and she will be presenting here and at the Salem/South Lyon Library on March 7.

9. We agreed to an Olympic Theme for the End of Year Celebration, which will be held on June 13. Mrs. Murphy will organize a committee to work on planning the event beginning in February.

The Shared Involvement Process Committee would like to provide the community the opportunity to share questions, comments, or concerns about the information presented in the minutes above or to add an item to the next month’s agenda. Please feel free to contact any of the representatives listed below or to fill out this slip, cut it off, and then mail it or drop it off in the school office. You may request to be present at a SIP meeting. Thank you.

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ITEM:

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