

Sayre SIP Minutes September 22, 2011

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

Review of Shared Involvement: SIP members introduced themselves and we reviewed the roles for each member. SIP is a process for soliciting, collecting, evaluating and using information and the expertise of various representatives of the school community for the purpose of making and implementing decisions that will improve or enhance student achievement. The essence of SIP is using *consensus* to make decisions that best support our building mission statement.

Budget: The current monthly statement for this school year was explained and accounts were reviewed. Items that we need to keep in mind as we budget are: library furniture replacement; technology costs (wireless tablets, interactive whiteboards, projector bulb replacements, future sound amplification systems and replacement parts); new materials and furniture for possible additional kindergarten classrooms; books for guided reading library and classroom collections; leveled literacy intervention kits; and release time for teachers to use for data study and assessment. The PTO is also interested in researching the costs involved with putting an electronic display/LED sign in front of Sayre. Teachers shared their experiences with working with the new sound amplification systems and with the wireless tablets that we are trialing. Feedback is positive.

School Improvement Goals and Information:

Annual Report: The SIP reviewed Sayre's 2010-11 Annual Education Report (AER) which contains information about Sayre in regards to our Accreditation Status and Student Achievement. Copies of Sayre's Annual Report are available in the office. Sayre has maintained an "A" grade on its school report card and continues to earn strong MEAP scores; however, from our data comes a district and building goal to narrow the achievement gap between our high and low achieving students. For the purposes of this goal, providing support for students with disabilities and for students from economically disadvantaged homes will be the focus of our efforts. We also reviewed our two recommendations from our AdvancED Quality Assurance Review (QAR) and our three school improvement goal areas.

School issues:

Curriculum Night/Open House: Curriculum night for parents of students in Grades 3-5 will be held on Thursday, September 22 (same date as this meeting), from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Grades K-2 will be held on Wednesday, September 28, from 7p.m. to 8 p.m. Older students will enjoy a recess on the playground from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., then join their parents in their classrooms for the remaining half hour. Younger students will be shown a movie in the gym from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Feedback on the format of the evening is always welcomed.

MEAP testing window: Students in grades 3-5 will follow a standard assessment schedule this year. The reading assessment will be administered on Oct. 11 & 12, the mathematics assessment will be administered on Oct. 18, Day 1 of writing (Gr. 4 only) on Oct. 13, and writing Day 2 and science (Gr. 5 only) will be assessed on Oct 19. Make-up tests can be administered beginning Oct. 12 and continuing through the last week of October.

Halloween Guidelines/Boo Bash: The SIP Committee agreed to continue our current practices. Students do not wear costumes during the school day, but classes are allowed to participate in educational, themed activities upon teachers' approval. Students can wear orange and black to honor the holiday during school. Classroom celebrations are to be held on October 28, with kindergarten being the exception. The Sayre Family Boo Bash will be held on the evening of Friday, October 28, and students, and parents, are encouraged to wear their costumes to that event.

Walkathon: Collections of pledge sheets have begun. After such a successful event last year, we are again looking forward to another great event on September 30! Parents are invited to come walk with their children. Mrs. Murphy will walk with the M/Th kindergarten students on Thursday.

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:

Please return to Sayre Elementary School, 23000 Valerie, South Lyon, MI 48178; Attention: SIP Committee

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