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Olivia Richvalsky signs her acceptance letter to the University of Michigan. Sharing this moment with Olivia are her parents and her sister Grace. Olivia received an athletic scholarship for Softball. A member of the National Honor Society, Olivia has been a model student excelling in this sport her entire career at South Lyon East High School.



The South Lyon East Band received a 1st division rating at District IV Band Festival on Saturday, March 17th. They were one of only 4 out of 22 bands to receive 1's from all three performance judges.

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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL, LARRY JACKSON

As the school year is about to come to a close, most schools follow the same tradition of year-end events and recognizing individual students. Our high school is no different. Over the next several weeks, we will have team banquets, Senior Honors Night, Underclass Honors Assembly, and Graduation. Each of these events will recognize student accomplishment, whether it is students who have received scholarships, graduation with honors, perfect attendance, or special recognition from organizations.

Yet, as we hold our ceremonies and recognize our students, I often feel we are remiss in not recognizing another group who are most influential to our students, and so crucial to the success of our entire educational system. That important group, an integral part of our school, is our parents.

Parents are:

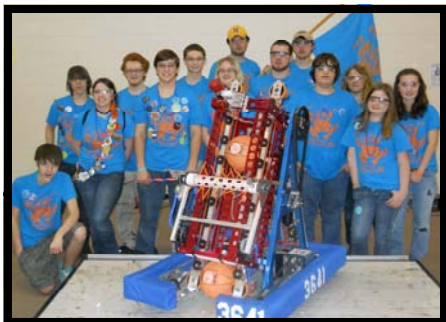
- ◆ the invisible force behind the student, providing a value system which will enable the student to be successful today and in the future;
- ◆ the volunteers who help us out on a multitude of tasks, from mailings in our office, to chaperoning, to athletic boosters, to becoming a part of our PTSO, and helping to serving on educational committees;
- ◆ the support we receive when phone calls are made home by either the administration or a teacher requesting some form of assistance;
- ◆ the driver of their student to activities, events, or often, regular school attendance;
- ◆ the tutor to assist their student in learning the material;
- ◆ the emotional support for their student as they encounter the often challenging “teenage years”;
- ◆ the silent voice, who through their actions, clearly send the message to their student that education is important.

As the end of the school year brings about accolades to our students, we at South Lyon East High School salute our parents and thank you for being our partner in education. Over the next four weeks, as many of our students receive a variety of awards and recognition, or who successfully pass their classes, we will be thinking of you and the part you have played in their lives.

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION NOTIFICATION

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, our primary means of communications will be electronic. Paper copies of some communications will be made available only if requested. In lieu of printed report cards for secondary students at the marking periods, grades may be viewed online. Semester and year-end report cards will still be mailed home. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Larry Jackson.

COUGAR LIFE



The combined SLEHS and SLHS Robotics Team 3641 competed in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) District Competition at Northville. Battling against top teams in FIRST, Team3641, the Flying Toasters as they are called, scored numerous baskets both in the autonomous mode and when driven by students. The underdog team captured the hearts of the audience while the impressive robot design also impressed the judges, winning the prestigious Imagery Award. The Imagery Award celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration from the machine to the team appearance, including the team's distinctive branding. During the event, the team raised money for Operation Injured Soldiers (injuredsoldiers.org) via this year's robot named the Patriot Toaster.

Michigan is home to 193 robotics teams (second only to California). According to Coach Weber, "Robotics helps students develop a passion for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) along with self-confidence, leadership and innovation, all which are the keys to future successes".

With just over 17 students, they designed and built a robot from scratch in just six weeks. SLEHS students include senior Riley McKenzie; juniors Devon Fields, Gentry Dehar, Jacob Pigeon, Kerry Pierce, Lucas Stodor, Melanie McDermott, Mike Bastien, Patrick Humfleet, Sloane Alexander; sophomores Scott Brodesser, Lucas Burkowski, Tessa Fitzgerald; freshmen Conner Heffernan and Lucas Smith as well as SLHS students junior Zack Clearwood and freshman Amanda Perion. Announced at the event, juniors Lucas Stodor and Kerry Pierce were among those who were selected as semi-finalists to represent Michigan for FIRST's Dean (Kamen) List award.

The South Lyon team is currently seeking area sponsors to continue to fund its robotics program for the rest of the 2012 year. The boosters organization is also seeking recycling products to raise additional funds. For more information, please email Booster Treasurer Doug Pierce at rildon@aol.com.

2012-2013 School Calendar

The calendar for the 2012-2013 school year is a negotiated item with our teachers, and therefore, has yet to be determined. For planning purposes, per State Law, the students will not begin until after Labor Day. Following the Oakland County calendar, tentatively the holiday break will be December 24-January 2 and tentatively spring break will be March 29-April 5. We will update families and the website (www.slcs.us), as soon as our calendar is finalized.

WE'RE PROUD OF...

SOUTH LYON EAST ATHLETES

South Lyon Unified Swim and Dive broke new ground with its best-ever finish at the Division 1 State Finals. East Divers made an unprecedented appearance, finishing 1-2. Senior Daniel Gironza was the State Diving Champion, while Senior Brendan O'Shea was the State Diving Runner-Up.



2011-2012 Season Notes and Highlights for Girls Basketball

EAST completed their season at 12-10, the first winning basketball record in school history! They lost in the District Championship Game against Linden in overtime, 41-40. Seniors Willow Cohn and Taylor Jones both etched their names in school history by setting several records. Jones graduates as the all-time scoring leader with 595 points. Cohn graduates as the all-time leader in rebounds (444) and steals (136) and also broke the season record for steals (55). The previous records were held by Kate Grunewald (scoring and rebounds) and by Taylor Jones (career and season steals). In her final game as a Cougar, Cohn had 10 steals against Linden, breaking the single game steals record co-held by Courtney Emery and Kayla Evans.



Bowling Highlights



Both the boys and girls bowling teams competed in the MHSAA Regionals with the top 3 teams advancing to states. The South Lyon East boys finished 4th. On the girls side South Lyon East finished 1st (Regional Champs).

Boys

Anthony Dinsmore SLE 2nd Place
Jeremy Dinsmore SLE 5th Place
Andrew Stanny SLE 8th Place

Girls

Beth Ringholz SLE 2nd place
Katie Pakkalla SLE 10th place

Congratulations to all teams and individuals on a great season!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 25 Career Fair-Sophomores, 1st—3rd hours
- April 27 The Experience, 8:00 p.m.
- May 3-5 Spring Play “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”,
7:00 p.m.
- May 5 & 6 Spring Play “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”,
2:00 p.m.
- May 10 PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 16 SIP Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- May 18 Junior/Senior Prom, Crystal Gardens, Howell, 7:00—11:00 p.m.
- May 21 Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- May 22 Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- May 24 Physics Classes-Course Assignment at Cedar Point
- May 28 Memorial Day-No School
- June 1 Seniors Last Day
- June 5 Senior Honors Night, 7:00 p.m.
- June 6 Underclass Honors, 9:00 a.m.
- June 9 Graduation, Eastern Michigan University, 2:30 p.m.
- June 12-14 1/2 days, Student Assessments
- June 14 Last day of school-students



School Closings

All South Lyon Community Schools buildings, including the Griswold Operations Center and the Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

- May 28, 2012
- July 4, 2012

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SIP MINUTES

South Lyon East High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2012



Present:

Administration: Larry Jackson, Linda Bowman
Staff Members: Gail Joslin, Ron Weber, Pat Ocelnik
Parents: Laura Hogan, Laurie Hughes
Teachers/Student Council: Sarah Athey, Stacia Gulkewicz
Student Council President: Solana Gillis

Students:

9th Sarah Lambi
10th Mack Gillis
11th Amanda Lemming, Christine Appicelli
12th Kelsey Hines, Leah Nonis

Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Proposed Restructuring of the Student Government Mr. Jackson wanted to open up discussion regarding the proposed restructuring of the Student Government. Mrs. Joslin explained that the NCA Committee that visited last year expressed concern that the school is not utilizing the "Pathway Concept". It was explained that the school was built on this concept and NCA requested clarity of the concept in order that everyone - staff and students - understood it. The proposed change would be to align the student government into "Pathway Councils" as opposed to "Grade Councils". Mr. Jackson did express two concerns: 1) How would the prom be handled as this has always been planned by the Juniors? and 2) Mr. Jackson wants to make sure everyone is on board if a change is made since he won't be here next year and he doesn't want to set it up for failure and cause Mr. Phillips to have to deal with it. There was much discussion, and questions:

What would Pathway Councils do that the current Student Council set up can't do? How will the newly proposed Pathway Councils create a more cohesive and a feeling of belonging among the students?

How can we do Homecoming with the Pathway concept, including the selection of the king and queen?

Will enough students from each pathway want to serve on the elected councils? Are we going to be able to get this all worked in time to implement by next year?

Mrs. Athey proposed a model that still had an Executive Council, an Advisor for each Pathway and under each advisor there are 4 reps from one grade and 4 reps from one Pathway. Each class would be assigned a job (Juniors do Prom, Seniors do Graduation, etc), and each council of pathway members would do pathway specific activities. This would allow for Homecoming to be kept by class as it has been.

Mr. Weber also described an option with each pathway having 2 reps from each grade and selecting the Executive Council from that group of 32 with reps from each pathway.

Pros and cons were discussed about the above options.

A parent asked, "Why are the Pathways important? What is the advantage to having a school built on the Pathway Concept?" Mr. Jackson provided an explanation.

After much discussion, the topic was tabled until next meeting. SIP members were asked to continue to get feedback from their representative groups.

Senior Recognition for Student Council

A senior on the committee asked whether the Student Council members could receive some recognition at Graduation in the form of a pin or a sash for their hard work.

Mr. Jackson explained that the sashes, ropes and pins are awarded for academics only. If similar awards were given for leadership for Student Council, then that would have to be extended for members of many other clubs/groups that also work hard and show leadership. It would also diminish the academic achievements of the graduates.

Handbook Changes 2012-13

Mrs. Bowman reviewed the handbook changes/additions/deletions for next year. Language was changed regarding cheating, dress code and graduation requirements. The cell phone/personal electronic devices proposal that we submitted to the school board was also added.

A motion was made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Kelsey, to approve the changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum Fair 2012

Taking place tomorrow, Thursday, Feb 16. All departments and clubs will be represented.

ACT Review Sessions

Two mandatory review sessions will take place for Juniors utilizing Cougar Hour times.

Agenda Covers

Mr. Robinson will be asking his students to design some covers and Mr. Weber will have his students design some using computer graphics. They will be brought to the SIP committee to select one for the cover.

Other

A student asked why there is no option to take gym/phys ed over the summer for kids who are in band, choir, or want to take more AP classes. Mr. Jackson explained that this has been reviewed in committee and was determined that because we value the PE requirement as a life-long goal and no summer program, which usually lasts no more than 4 weeks, has all the components in its curriculum that we provide and expect of our students.

A student mentioned that a couple teachers were concerned about an idea discussed at our last meeting: providing more Cougar Hour Final Exam Sessions. Mr. Jackson stated that no change is under consideration to increase the two hours per week that is currently being provided.

A student mentioned that the Softball Regionals are the same day as graduation. Mrs. Bowman and Mr. Jackson are both aware of this and there is nothing that can be done about it. Mr. Jackson expressed regret and stated it is unfortunate because students should not have to choose between their graduation and the regional competition of which they have worked hard to earn.

Mrs. Joslin mentioned that there are some lunch service issues: a student wasn't able to buy lunch because all she had was a ten dollar bill and they wouldn't give her change. She needed the change for another event after school. Mr. Jackson stated that no student will ever go without a lunch. He needs to be contacted should a problem ever occur. Also many students feel the quality and selection of the lunch program is declining. Mr. Jackson stated he has spoken often to Mrs. Sullivan, Food Service Manager, about this on-going concern.

A parent asked about the Pep Rally incident. Mrs. Joslin explained exactly what happened. Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Bowman expressed their disappointment in the Seniors who were a part of the disruption.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting is March 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hogan

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12th - Leah Nonis

PTSDO NEWS / VIEWS

SLE PTSD Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 13th, 2012 @7:00 P.M. SLEHS Media Center

Mission Statement

The South Lyon East PTSD is a non-profit organization whose members are the students, parents and legal guardians, and staff of South Lyon East High School. The mission of the PTSD is to create a strong relationship between home and school. The PTSD sponsors assistance to teachers in the classroom setting, raises funds for supplemental educational materials, and supports school and family social interaction and provides a forum for sharing information on issues that impact our students.

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Cougar Closet Coordinator: Sue Crittenden suebutnotsusan@yahoo.com
Taste of Homecoming Coordinator: Michelle Brown mich.brown@live.com

President- Sheri Rogge called the meeting to order at 7:09.

Treasurer's Report- Belinda passed out copies of the PTSD profit and loss report as well as the balance sheet for the PTSD. Currently the bank account has a balance of \$2538.79. 9th gr orientation brought sales of \$538 into the Cougar Closet Spirit Store. Survey for the PCI compliance (requirement by the govt. to make sure we are doing everything properly for the credit card terminal) was completed and is in the treasurer's note book for following years. We need to add info to the bylaws regarding our PCI practices. Wording will be clarified and presented at the April meeting along with the other revisions that are needed to the bylaws.

PTSD Projects and Activities

Banners- working on details to get final drafts of the banners for the Taste of Homecoming and the SLEHS banner to be used for various things such as students signing letters of intent. The board is working closely with Quick Silver to finalize and print the banners. The Cougar Closet banner was asked to be put on hold.

Student Involvement in PTSD- The PTSD is trying to get avenues to pull the students at East into the PTSD process as well as foster more school spirit. The board has been discussing the possibility of various curriculum opportunities as getting the marketing, entrepreneurship, and accounting classes involved in PTSD stuff such as the treasurer's QuickBooks for the Cougar Closet and possibly other curriculum based activities giving the students a feel of ownership. Mr. Jackson gave the PTSD the nod to contact various staff to see if they could incorporate something like this into their curriculum. It's needs to be very clear that anything dealing with the PTSD needs to have a representative present for such things that affect the PTSD such as QuickBooks and the Cougar Closet. Quick Silver has offered their assistance to the marketing class in coming up with designs that could possibly be created and sold under consignment at the cougar closet. Just need to be very clear to the treasurer which items are consignment and which items are a part of the PTSD (Cougar Closet) inventory. IT was asked when the Cougar Closet was open and if there was a possibility for the classes to have some ownership as to when the store was open. PTSD and Mr. Jackson just reminded all that a PTSD representative needed to be present whenever the store was open. Sheri suggested to the treasurer and Cougar Closet Representative that they set up a date and time to get with staff and see what plans can be put into action. The PTSD's ultimate goal is to get the students involved and make a voice heard.

Bylaw revisions- discussed. PTSD will bring the final draft to the next meeting to be voted on by the general membership.

PCI compliance; QuickBooks; Cougar Closet Policies

Cougar Closet-

Sue brought up the freshmen orientation sweatshirts that were handed out by the school not the PTSD as prizes and asked about the possibility of the Cougar Closet exchanging them if they didn't fit the student. Much discussion was had about how this could be a slippery slope that could create other concerns down the road. Comments were given by parents, board members and staff that this policy should not be started. Consensus was that a gift is a gift and it should stay as such much like going to a sporting event and getting a free t-shirt in the stands you can't then in exchange turn it in.

Cougar Closet Policies- Sue presented to the membership very clear cut policies for the Cougar Closet running, credit card procedures (clarification on minimum purchase still under review), gift certificates and the procedure. This will be part of the bylaw revisions.

Cougar Closet Name Change- Sue would like to see the name of the Cougar Closet (the school spirit store run by the PTSD) renamed. Sue's concern is that the name is not cutting edge and if a different name was chosen she could market the products. Discussion about the name ensued. Mr. Jackson explained how the name came about and the alliteration involved in it. Mrs. Joslyn also explained how the Cougar Closet alliteration goes along with the TV/Production class news cast which is called the Cougar Claw. Some PTSD members were indifferent with the name change and others felt it had a history. Sheri tabled the name change to the April meeting.

Addition of Cougar Closet Reps name to PTSD mast head- President has requested that this be added to the mast head of all correspondence.

2012-2013 PTSD Board Nominations are now being accepted. Please contact Stacy Bethel staciebethel@yahoo.com so that your name can be put on the ballot for the April election. The middle schools will be notified via email and an email will go out via the sleptsos email as well as the school wide email about the nominations.

Principal's Report-

Talent Show- March 23 @ 7 PM in the auditorium "East's Got Talent" brought to you by the performing arts. Tickets are \$5.

March 23 Blood Drive- run by the Key Club March 24 The Experience-Battle of the Bands

March 24 That Dance- Semi Formal (Dressy/Casual) Recycle theme- if you bring in items you will receive a discount off your ticket. They will be using materials to decorate for this event from previous events.

Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser was done by the NHS. The will be sending off a check for \$1000. NHS ran a pathways competition with coins for this event as well as a staff auction where they could purchase students to do jobs in and around the school.

Book Drive March 19-30- NHS to benefit Motts Hosp. Pathways will have a competition to see which can get the largest weight of donations in gently used or new books. Send in your books!!!

NHS March is Reading Month- several students went to Salem Elementary and read to classes for this event.

?s and comments-

Athletic Showcases- Gwen Doty is looking for the contact info so that she can get the booster clubs to fill in the athletic showcases. The board suggested she contact Liz Russo the AD secretary for that info.

PTSD tents- The SL Junior League is having their benefit sale at Dick's Sporting goods so on behalf of the PTSD Paul Dolin will be purchasing tents for the PTSD use. Paul is to get with the secretary of the PTSD on this venture.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next meeting Tues. April 10 @ 7 PM in the Media Center

Election of 2012-2013 PTSD board

11th Grade college Preparation





DAILY SCHEDULE AT SOUTH LYON EAST

First Hour	7:20 ~ 8:18
Second Hour	8:24 ~ 9:25
Third Hour	9:31 ~ 10:29
Fourth Hour	10:35 ~ 12:05
A Lunch	10:35 ~ 11:02
B Lunch	11:38 ~ 12:05
Fifth Hour	12:11 ~ 1:09
Sixth Hour	1:15 ~ 2:13



SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

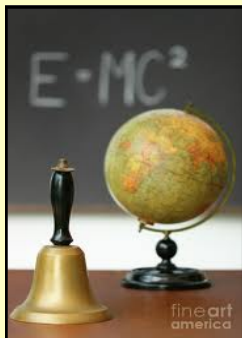
The mission of South Lyon East High School is to provide students a rigorous education in order to develop responsible, knowledgeable, and respectful participants in society who make positive contributions at home, school, work, and in the global community.

The Cougar Closet
Open Daily 10:30-12:15
Wed. & Fri. 10:30-2:25

***Gift certificates are available!**
***Note: On-line availability coming next year!**

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