

South Lyon East High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2011

Present:

Administration: Larry Jackson

Staff Members: Gail Joslin, Pat Ocelnik, Ron Weber

Parents: Laura Hogan

Students:

9th Sarah Lambi, Alex Connell

10th

11th Amanda Lemming

12th Kelsey Hines

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Cell Phone Proposal

- After the last meeting, the proposal was taken to the Facilitator's Committee for the next step in the process. The teachers supported the proposal. There was discussion among the teachers that some of them do allow cell phones in the classroom for research. It was proposed to expand the cell phone proposal to enable teachers to use their discretion in allowing the use of cell phones in the classroom. However, the use of the phones **MUST** be instructional related, including such items as recording their homework, taking pictures of notes, etc.
- The discussion then moved to whether we should expand our proposal even more to allow the use of E-Readers, and all other electronics. The opinions were mixed among the SIP members. Some felt we should try to piggy-back the use of these devices onto our proposal for the expanded cell phone. Others felt that that would be too much to ask for at first, that we should try the expanded cell phone policy and see how that goes before expanding it to all other electronic devices. A vote was taken and it was decided to just move forward with the expanded cell phone use proposal and hold off on the other electronic devices.

German Day Competition

- Mrs. Huffman's request from the last meeting to take her German students to "German Day" in Ann Arbor was again discussed. The committee was reminded that if we let this trip happen we'd have to open it up for other classes as well. Many teachers are concerned that allowing such trips would cause too many students missing from classes due to same subject field trips. This, in turn, would disrupt the learning in other classes.
- It was felt that the World Languages classes could do some other activities as a substitute for attending the competition.

- A motion was made to keep the field trip policy as it is, which would mean turning down Mrs. Huffman's request. A vote was taken, 8 in favor, 1 abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

New Pathway Ideas

- Mr. Jackson has talked to Mrs. Athey about creating more activities in the Pathways and creating Pathway Councils. The goal is to make the students feel more ownership in their Pathways. He'd like to see friendly competitions between the Pathways. Mr. Jackson will be meeting with students tomorrow to discuss this.
- Students again discussed the pros and cons of the Pathways regarding the placement of lockers, mixing the grades in the hallways, and keeping students in the Pathways all four years. The Seniors and Juniors are having a harder time adjusting to this, but it was felt that the Freshmen and Sophomores will be able to accept it better and it will be great in a couple years.

Lunch Program

- A student brought a concern from another student who asked that there be a vegetarian option every day for lunch. She stated that this student considers fish to be meat and therefore there was no option for her for lunch today. Mr. Jackson will talk to the food service manager about this.

Other

- A student asked whether the scores they just got from the practice ACT are using the new cut scores or the old scores. Mr. Jackson explained that the ACT scores use a standardized scale which is not the same as the Michigan cut scores.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40. The next meeting is December 14

Respectfully submitted,

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