

**South Lyon High School
SIP Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2012**

Present: Chad Scaling, Principal; Karen Doree, Assistant Principal; Mitch Rosekrans, Assistant Principal; Kris Andreski, Teacher; Barb Heininger, Parent; Michele Darket, Support Staff; April Talaga, Carl Towne - Parents; Justin Allen, Tim Harbaugh, Karli Meister, Rebecca Pavlock, Devin Petricca - Students

Absent: Dave Carravallah, Teacher; Jacob Campion, Joe Higgins - Students

The meeting began at 2:35 p.m.

Announcements

- Introductions were made to our new parent representative, Carl Towne.
- Mr. Scaling reported the auditors were in the building today to review our student count information; and, therefore, had to leave the meeting early. Mr. Rosekrans and Mrs. Doree continued the agenda discussions.
- Mrs. Talaga and Mr. Towne provided information about the Lyon Townships 1st Annual Winterfest to be held on Saturday, January 21.

Upcoming Dates

- Financial Aid Night – January 19 at SLEHS
- Semester Exams – January 24-26
- Records Day – January 27 (no school for students)
- Winterfest – Saturday, February 4

Old/New Business

- Mr. Rosekrans presented the proposed handbook changes for the 2012-13 school year.
- Mr. Scaling reviewed the final draft of the Personal Electronic Device (PED) Policy. There was discussion about piloting the policy beginning 5th marking period.

SAC/School Improvement/NCA Updates

- Ms. Doree reported the AdvancEd self assessment is due on March 7 to report how we're progressing towards the seven standards determined by the AdvancEd committee. For the 2012-13 school year, the seven standards have been reformatted to five standards. The Quality Assurance Review (QAR) committee gave us 3 areas to work on for this school year; namely,
 - Develop common formative assessments for mid-terms and final exams. (We are working towards this goal).
 - Use the state template for the school improvement plan. We will submit our plan using the state template
 - Prepare a survey of our stakeholders. Ms. Doree stated the survey is complete and will be given to students and staff possibly using the CPS (classroom performance system) units.

Our School Improvement Plan is due to the district Board Office by May 7 and to the state by September 1st. Our administrators are currently meeting with the department facilitators and chairs to review our goals.

Student Council Update

- The Winterfest formal dance will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 7:00-10:00 pm. Tickets have been reduced to \$10 to encourage participation.
 - A pep rally will be held on Friday, February 3 in the afternoon
 - Copies of the Spirit Week day flyer will be made for the students in the CI wing; and a large poster will be made detailing the activities.
 - Proceeds for the dance will benefit a South Lyon East student with medical bills for her recent surgeries. South Lyon East High School will also hold a “Cat Fight” this week and their proceeds will benefit this student as well.
 - A minimum attendance of 300 students is needed to make this a profitable event.
 - The Student Council representatives stated they are very appreciative of the staff members for their dance supervisions.
 - In order to reduce costs of the dance, the following suggestions were made:
 - Ask for parents to donate refreshments/snacks
 - Look for a DJ at a cheaper cost
 - Decorate without using gossamer, which is costly
 - The following suggestions were also made:
 - Recommend students bring in a canned goods to the dance
 - Prepare a background set-up for student photographs and charge a minimal fee.
Note: No formal photographer will be at the dance due to lack of sales at the Homecoming Dance.
- The Student Council donated over 1,400 pounds of canned food and non-perishable items to Active Faith during the holidays. By developing a point system for various items, they were also able to donate laundry detergent and diapers which are much needed items for families who draw on the services of Active Faith.

Other

- Mrs. Talaga reminded the committee about voter registration for students turning 18 before the February 28 primary election. Students need to be registered by January 30.
- A photo booth is planned for this year’s prom.

Student Concerns

- A concern was brought up by some students regarding the current grading system regarding points versus percentages. In addition, they felt that honors classes and AP classes should be weighted. It was expressed that some colleges admit students based on their percentage in their class ranking, ie. only accepts students in the top 5% into their Honors College, regardless of the difficulty of the classes taken in high school.
- Students also spoke in regards to summative and formative assessments having different point values for each card marking period. Mrs. Doree expressed the assessments are at the discretion of each teacher and subject area.
- Discussion took place regarding six-week card marking periods vs. nine-week card marking periods. It was mentioned that these concerns have been brought up in previous years and are not building-based decisions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012 at 2:30 pm.