

In Attendance:

Virginia Seefeld (recorder), Randy Bernstein, Vicki Parker, Ally Walton, Tim Bjornstad, Stan Paulic, Tibor Bessko, Blanche Colson, Mark Rosen, Joshua Hamill, Stephanie Cannon, Rebecca Kovack, Kathy Saranpa (convener), Pete Hamm, Ann Hettick (visitor).

I) Opening Activities:

A. Visitor's Comments:

B. Minutes approved unanimously

II) Old Business

C. Multi-cultural Décor/Murals: The good news is that the murals are already getting started and work will continue over spring break.

III) New Business

D. School Improvement Plan: Goal #1 will be reviewed during the March meeting, goal #2 reviewed during April, and goal #3 will be reviewed at the May meeting. Next year is the third and final year of this SIP.

Goal #1-- Stephanie is looking at putting 10th grade team back together. A merge between 9th and 10th grade team occurred which was not very successful. The 9th grade team is meeting successfully this year.

Stephanie mentioned that she would like to create a credit recovery program at SEHS.

Our current support classes have been attending to the SIP and they have been generally successful. However, funding may not be there next year for support classes.

Randy stated that 10th grade advisory has been semi-successful and that we have learned some good things from it. The teacher/ student relationship piece is a big part of its success. In the future, it may helpful to look at how the recruiting/placement occurs during the enrollment process.

Randy shared some data (see handout) that showed that fewer students are receiving F's this year than last year.

Randy suggested that for next year the counseling department should work with administration to create a credit recovery program. He suggested maybe running a lab that is staffed by a person who manages the process where students can work independently to make up credits.

Goal #1- strategy #4-Professional development – Staff spent professional development time last year learning about new teaching strategies and have spent time this year, incorporating some of those strategies. Ann Hettick attested to this how effective the last two years of professional development have been for her. She said she felt this program was the most useful staff development that she has been involved in the 17 years she has been teaching. Kathy Saranpa and Virginia Seefeld also reported being very happy with this approach to staff development.

Tripod is not in the budget for this year or next.

Goal #1- strategy #2 - The Math Block has been mostly successful. (see handout)

English 9 and 10 studies – the rigor is up this year mostly due to having two teachers in the classroom each day. Tim Bjornstad reported that with a smaller teacher/student ratio he and Joel are able to give more individual attention to each student. Currently there are about 20 students per class with 2 teachers.

E. SAT Prep Course: Blanche Colson requested that SEHS look at putting together a SAT Prep Course. She pointed out that it is not equitable for students who cannot pay the \$1500 for the SAT Prep Course. Rebecca Kovack mentioned that there are some flyers in the Career Center advertising a 6-week SAT prep course taught by Robert Sposato. She said she would be willing to investigate whether he might be willing to put a class together for SEHS students, she will report back at the next meeting. Tibor will investigate what Sheldon and Churchill are offering in terms of SAT prep courses.

F. Multicultural Components for New Classes: Stephanie proposed that for each new course there should be a multicultural review regarding the curriculum and materials (i.e. books, activities, etc) that address multicultural identities. Stephanie has been in contact with Jane Waite (Lane ESD district office equity committee). She is asking Jane to send back some questions that more specifically address these types of issues. Stephanie will report back at the next meeting

G. Naming of new athletic facilities: A question was raised regarding when a donor comes forward, should there be some due diligence with regard to the naming of things (i.e. background check, etc). Randy said he would consider proposing a process and bring those ideas back to this committee.

IV) Principals Report

H. Staffing: Staffing cuts in general, Classic South 2 reasons for the cuts, one is the global economic crisis, and the other is that forecasting is down for next year. There is \$5.5-6 million left to cut after reserves, one is compensation strategies (at this time we are not sure what is happening with the classified union negotiations). EEA has tentatively agreed to 6 less budget days (7 days – one day is the state wide in-service that EEA pays \$330,000 to the district to pay teacher salaries that they will withhold next year) which is about a 3 ½ % cut in teacher salary, admin taking 2 unpaid furlough days and a 3.25% cut in pay. The staffing ratio is being raised from 25.38 to 26.38. For SEHS, we are getting cut 4.25 teachers next year, one less asst principal and 4-5 hours of classified time. This will result in SEHS having to cut about 12 sections from the schedule. The current draft suggests; 3 science sections, 3 sections of math (but may add a section after school), 1 section of English, 1 section of Social Studies, 1 section of Foreign Language. 2 sections of Visual Arts, .1 FTE of Applied Arts (not a class). PE will be cutting one semester of PE but adding one semester of health, so there will not be an overall department FTE loss, but rather a reallocation. Classified staff will have a few folks being trimmed an hour or so. The teachers who have the potential of being bumped have been talked to already. Bumping may begin in late April or early May. IHS is forecasted to lose 50 students, overall 40 at SEHS

V) Committee Reports

I. Student Government: Student Government is working on healthy vending machines. The sophomores are working on and Art Sale in mid April (flyers in hallways) to raise money for Red Cross, the juniors are working on Prom and the seniors are thinking about the gift.

J. Parent Council:

There have been two meetings since the last Site Council meeting, mostly updating about the budget. Parent council discussed its' budget, they currently have about \$60,000. The amount of money being raised this year is mostly from E-scrip plus some donations. They are planning to spend approximately \$36000, which includes 2 hours for Volunteer Coordinator, 2 hours for Library Assistant, and .11 licenced FTE for Math. The next Parent Council meeting this coming Wednesday.

K. Set Agenda for the April 16th meeting

SAT Prep

Naming Policy – donations

Multicultural filter

AVID

SIP goal #2

Credit recovery

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2008, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.