

SIP Minutes
December 10, 2008

Present: Emily Sullivan, Deb Conroy, Helen Cook, Peg McCartney, Diane Thompson, Karolyn Micheels, Rowena Killeen, Karen Hulbert

Budget Cuts- ideas/suggestions

Staff at all buildings are to brainstorm ways to save money this school year in anticipation of state funding cuts. Mrs. Thompson will compile them and send them on to Mr. Short. Some suggestions from SIP: close doors to keep heat in, lights off when leave the room.

Open House Format

Input from all areas was discussed. The decision was: 1. Have an Open House as a “meet and greet” night with students being the tour guides. The FSA will be in the cafeteria to meet any parents and talk about its role. 2. Staff has 2 options for an orientation to parents – it is up to their discretion to decide which one to do. Staff can have an orientation for parents only early in the school year to go over class rules/ expectations, etc. Or they can do a short orientation with parents the night of Open House.

March 20th Staff Development Day

SIP came to consensus on a presentation on The Culture of Poverty. Mrs. Thompson will contact Terri Gray at The Instructional Service Center for assistance with this. Any staff will other suggestions please let your SIP representative know.

Lowe’s Grant

Mrs. McCartney designed a greenhouse /shelter for the playground. However, it was discovered that there are many steps that have to be taken to accomplish this that are prohibited to doing this project. Mrs. Thompson will find out if the structure is smaller or prefab are the steps the same.

Walking School Bus

It was brought up by Mrs. Micheels that more parents are trying to walk to school but finding it difficult if they have children at both Oak St. and Bailey Ave. to get their child to school on time. She brought up the suggestion that perhaps Bailey Ave. could start 5 minutes later (8:30am) and dismiss 5 minutes later (2:40). This will be further discussed.

A Giving Tree

Mrs. Micheels brought up the idea of Bailey Ave. as a school community do a project to help families who are struggling to buy Christmas gifts. She presented what Oat St. does for this. A suggestion was given to have a Giving Tree next year that parents/students can take an angel off the tree and buy an item and bring back to school. This will be discussed more with staff.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, January 14th, 2009.