

SIP Minutes
January 14, 2009

Present: Emily Sullivan, Helen Cook, Peg McCartney, Rowena Killeen, Karen Hulbert

Absent: Deb Conroy, Diane Thompson, Karolyn Micheels

Campbell's Soup Label Redemption

We have collected more than 30,000 points with our labels and it was discussed using these to get a digital video camera as a possible option. The team felt this would be an excellent purchase that could be used for "School is a Feeling", The Patriotic Program and many other things in our building. Before purchasing, John Haubner will be contacted to make sure we get one that is compatible with our computers.

Looping Request

Erin McGill wanted it known that if a possibility of looping becomes available, she is interested.

DWEIC Update

Rowena Killeen gave an update as to the monthly meetings and pertinent information discussed. She gave a report on the 2008 school enrollment and projections for our district. Input was also solicited concerning what we as a district should be striving for and priorities in the coming years.

March 20th Plans-Update

At the last faculty meeting Diane Thompson discussed information she received for training on the *Culture of Poverty* thru the Ruby Paine Company. Staff felt that we should look at other presenters which would focus more on parent involvement and social/emotional issues. Diane Thompson will be calling the coordinator of training at Social Services to see if they have someone who would fit our needs and will report back at the next community meeting.

Display Case/New Bulletin Board

It was felt by members of SIP that the glass in the display cases should be looked at to see if is safe. Also, if we do use them, a system of filling them needs to be made. This will be brought up at Community Meeting – do we want the cases and if we do making a monthly schedule for grade level/special areas to put projects into them. Classes are also encouraged to put student work on the new bulletin board.

Changing lunch/recess schedule

This will be discussed in length at our next SIP Meeting. However, concerns were brought forward from many staff members. One of the biggest concerns is that morning instructional time **can not** be shortened –that is the prime time for learning. As this is a matter that impacts everyone in our building, it is strongly believed that there has to be a consensus of the staff before this is done. This will take much planning to run smoothly and this concerns many staff.

Other

-Concerns about doors being so heavy and student safety. Some children have been pinching their fingers and banging their heads on the doors when they shut and some children can't open the doors. Since the tension has been decreased it is better but still a concern.

-Concerns about dismissal time-some staff expressed concerns that supervision is lacking, at times, particularly with the bus traffic.

-Staff would like students to **not bring** their breakfast trays down to the classrooms in the morning. SIP discussed that if students do arrive late for breakfast, perhaps have a small snack ready such as a muffin and milk or a banana and milk that can be eaten quickly so they are dismissed from the cafeteria at 8:30am to go to their classrooms to start their day.

-Concerns were brought from staff regarding the difference between faculty meetings and community meetings. The belief was that the faculty meeting was supposed to be a 15-20 minute short meeting with announcements made, any committee reports, and data for PBIS presented and the community meeting was the time to discuss school goals.

-Staff feel that the PBIS incentives are very important but would like them a time that does not interfere with instruction (i.e. not 9:00am). Also, some staff would like a clearer explanation of the cafeteria reward system that is going on. This can be discussed at the next community meeting.