

**Yosemite High School**  
**SIP Minutes**  
**April 4, 2005**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Betsy Blum at 3:22 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Denise Brosi, Steve Raupp, Tami Michel, Jeanne Ratchford, Debbie Sebastian, Kathy Burrow, Valinda Clevenger, Betsy Blum, George Stillman, Rebecca Brokaw, Tony Mowrer, Sue Graham and guest, Al Nociollo.
3. Approval of March 7, 2005 Minutes: Valinda proposed to change the reference to “Nancy and Valerie seeing over 90 students for follow-up support after Challenge Days” to “the counseling department seeing over 90 students for follow-up support after Challenge Days.” George proposed a correction to the statement “YHS is a 100% PC platform, to “99%.” Valinda moved to approve the March 7, 2005 minutes. Steve seconded. Vote carried unanimously.
4. Approval of Agenda: Steve requested to move Item 3, Information, on the agenda to Item 2. Steve then moved and Kathy seconded the motion to accept the agenda. Approved by everyone.
5. Betsy announced Tiffany Carey has left YHS so will no longer be on the SIP Committee.

**Information:**

Steve announced the new API base is 753. YHS is at 756. YHS is still hitting the target under the new criteria.

YHS has been nominated for two distinguished school awards. There will be a visiting committee at the campus next Tuesday, March 12, 2005. Steve invited all SIP members to meet with the visiting committee.

Steve also invited SIP members to an Edusoft presentation on new assessment software for all core subjects on Monday, April 25, 2005, 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

**Review 2005-2006 SIP Proposals:**

Betsy passed out an updated SIP request list for 2005/2006. Per Betsy, Request No. 8 should be deleted. After eliminating No. 8, the total SIP requests total \$156,670.18.

Per a recent update from Cathy Burns, SIP has spent roughly \$68,000 to date out of the \$112,369.33 budgeted for 2004/2005. Cathy expects a \$25,000 carryover of SIP funds to 2005/2006.

Al Nociollo requested an increase to Request No. 18, Testing Snacks, of \$1,000. This would increase the initial request from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Betsy feels comfortable with committing to a \$120,000 SIP Budget for 2005/2006.

Debbie inquired about Request No. 8, Career Center and Career Tech. She wanted to know how much of the funds requested cover the actual salary. Steve responded it covers 63% of

the actual salary. Request No. 8 should be \$26,840 broken down into two categories: 8A-Career Center program supplies of \$6,840 and 8B-Career Center program salary of \$20,000.

Per Betsy, Requests 8B, 10 and 11 are required staffing carryover commitments that need to be funded by SIP for 2005/2006.

In an effort to prioritize the funding requests, Steve suggested we highlight the programs that will cease to exist without SIP funding. They are as follows:

Mock Trial	\$ 4,775
Academic Decathlon	4,000
Peer Tutoring	2,000
History Day	2,590
Academic Competition	1,500
Shining Stars	1,000
Student Honor Choir	1,500
Monterey Field Trip	1,500
Challenge Days	5,400
Peer Mediation Camp	3,500
Student Planners	1,200
Refreshments for Senior Boards	300
Testing Snacks	3,000

Rebecca motioned a formal proposal to increase Request No. 18, Testing Snacks, to \$3,000. George seconded and all approved. Everyone agreed the quality of snacks is very important during testing.

Discussion was had regarding Request No. 7 for a VCR/DVD player and machine to transfer videos to disk (\$200). Comments were such that it doesn't seem enough to cover the equipment needed to transfer VHS tapes to DVD's. Betsy didn't realize that Nancy Lusby was requesting this type of equipment. Betsy has a concern with the copyright issues.

Debbie asked Tony to expand on the "academic payoff" of band and choral instruction. Tony indicated studies have shown that students involved in music tend to have higher GPA's. Request No. 17 is for 30 students to receive 30 private lessons (15 voice, 15 instrument) per year at \$10 per lesson, totaling \$9,000. The SIP funds would cover \$10 per lesson of a \$15 hourly lesson rate. Kathy commented she felt private lessons should be supplemented at home. Tony indicated there are currently a number of students who want to take private lessons but can't afford them.

Steve indicated he would not support the request. He is not sure the funds requested would take YHS in the direction of "overall achievement" that it is looking for. Steve encouraged Tony to pursue other avenues (i.e. music festivals, concerts, etc.) to raise funds for this type of music lesson program.

Rebecca commented she would like Mr. Houck to make a formal presentation to the SIP committee on Requests No. 24 – 27. These requests total approximately \$30,000.

Steve would like to see a list of requests prioritized from "most needed" to "least needed."

Debbie spoke regarding the Yearbook request. The equipment needs to be updated. She felt \$6,000 to \$10,000 would be a good start. The request is for \$14,000. Steve said he would

contact Hammertech Systems to further define what can be done with upgrading the existing equipment.

Request No. 10 – Per Betsy, the Library computers are old. YHS is starting to feel the results of not staying up with the changing technology. It is impacting YHS's ability to deliver many services that are now available to students. The SIP committee members feel that technology should be a high priority each year.

Request No. 14 – Edusoft Assessment Software – According to Steve, this is a vendor software that will allow YHS to put benchmark assessments in place in the math, science and english areas. This product will load all the school wide assessment data. It also provides teacher tool kits. This software will replace the Standards Master, which YHS is currently using. Clovis Unified and Madera Unified are using Edusoft. Steve would like to see the demonstration on April 25, 2005 before SIP makes a decision on this request.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 2, 2005 in the Yosemite High School Board Room, 3:15 p.m.

**Agenda Items:** Finalize 2005/2006 SIP Budget

**Adjournment:** Betsy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Steve seconded. Approved unanimously.