

Yosemite High School
SIP Minutes
May 2, 2005

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Betsy Blum at 3:16 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Denise Brosi, Steve Raupp, Tami Michel, Alex Michel, Jeanne Ratchford, Debbie Sebastian, Debbie Miller, Valinda Clevenger, Betsy Blum, George Stillman, Tony Mowrer, Sue Graham and Dr. Gerard Klimbal.
3. Approval of April 4, 2005 Minutes: Steve moved and Valinda seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Vote carried unanimously.
4. Approval of Agenda: Jeanne moved and Steve seconded the motion to accept the agenda. Approved by everyone.

Science Department SIP Proposal – Chad Houck

Chad presented the Blackboard.com software. It is a course creation service that enables teachers to communicate with students and parents outside of the classroom/school day through the Internet. It is easy to maintain and update on a regular basis. Parents can log on and view course outlines, daily schedules, assignments and more. The software contains e-mail, discussion boards (forums through which students can communicate), group project capabilities (students can meet online from various locations to participate in a group project). Chad is currently using this software in his YHS classes. He would like to see YHS purchase this software for the entire campus.

Steve asked Chad to prioritize his SIP requests, which would be as follows:

- a. Blackboard.com software – Request No. 27
- b. Lab equipment – Request No. 26
- c. Laptops – Request No. 25
- d. LabPro for Science – Request No. 24

Consideration of Mike Cole's Request

Mike Cole is requesting \$200 from the Academic Competition budget to help cover the cost of seven students who attended the San Francisco Youth Poetry Slam on April 23, 2005. Debbie motioned to approve the request. Tony seconded and all approved.

Approval of SIP Surveys to be Distributed to Community, Students and YHS Staff

Steve passed out copies of three surveys (parent, certificated staff and student). These surveys tie directly to the WASC accreditation. The purpose is to track some common information/perceptions from the three groups. Steve asked SIP members to review the surveys.

George asked about the survey return rates. Steve responded the return rate on the parent survey is low. However, according to Deborah Brown, the amount returned is enough to validate a statistical response. Since there is a captive audience with respect to the certificated staff and student surveys, the response is high. George recommended Steve consider shortening the surveys to one/two pages in the future. Currently, the parent survey is four pages in length. In

George's experience, most adults will not take the time to fill out anything longer than one to two pages.

Tami moved to approve the survey for distribution as is. Dr. Klimbal seconded. All approved.

Nomination of New SIP Committee Members

Sue nominated Peggy Stewart as a parent member. Betsy nominated Gita Srini Vasan as a community member. Debbie nominated Carol Hendrickson as either a parent or teacher member. Sue Graham and Denise Brosi will be retiring from the committee as community members.

SIP Request for Berkeley Art Museum Field Trip

The YHS Art Club is organizing a field trip to the Berkeley Art Museum on May 19, 2005. Betsy read a SIP request asking for \$200 to help defray the costs of the trip. Steve motioned to add the request to today's agenda. George seconded. Approved by everyone. George motioned to approve the request. Jeanne seconded. Approved by everyone.

Approval of 2005-2006 SIP Proposals

According to Steve, SIP has \$24,000 in carryover funds. His best guess on the new dollars is \$88,000. So, we are trying to allocate \$112,000 in SIP monies today. The revised 2005/2006 SIP request schedule was passed out to all committee members present. Out of \$112,000 available, \$11,900 is left over after the Priority A and Priority B requests (identified at the previous SIP meeting) are met. Here is a recap:

Total Requests:	\$156,234.77
Requests identified by SIP Committee as Priority A:	\$ 58,735.00
Requests identified by SIP Committee as Priority B:	<u>41,365.00</u>
Total Priority A/B	\$100,100.00
Available SIP Funds	<u>112,000.00</u>
Remaining amount to be allocated	\$ 11,900.00

Jeanne inquired about the Edusoft demonstration. Steve responded there were some technology problems at the demo. YHS is currently investing \$5,000 per year with Standards Master. Steve does not believe this software program is "getting YHS where they need to be." Edusoft will put benchmark assessments in place for all four subject areas. Steve believes Edusoft is the direction YHS needs to go. It can do studies of achievement data. The focus of the assessments is for teachers to have information on how the students are doing on the standard based assessments (individually and by group). This information can help close the gap between assessment and instruction so YHS can help all students reach their potential.

Debbie made the following comments:

The Library Equipment proposal would benefit everyone. The Edusoft Assessment software is tied to the WASC Accreditation. The Yearbook equipment is really in need of upgrading. The Science requests are important. She would like the committee to think about dividing the remaining \$11,900 equally between these four requests.

Steve feels the Blackboard.com software is great, but YHS teachers are not ready yet to maximize the use of an \$8,000 program. Tami suggested SIP fund the \$885 for Chad to continue use of the Blackboard.com software in his classes. Tony indicated some of the features in Blackboard.com can be posted at YHS's website. George feels we should review other programs that offer the same features as Blackboard.com. Dr. Klimbal believes Blackboard.com is the future, but possibly YHS is not ready for it yet. George suggested SIP fund Chad's continued use of Blackboard.com and then survey the YHS students for feedback on the software.

Steve proposed we allocate \$3,000 towards Edusoft, \$5,000 towards Yearbook equipment, \$3,015 toward Library audio visual equipment and \$885 for Chad's Blackboard.com site license totaling \$11,900. This will bring the total requests allocated to \$112,000. Tony motioned and Debbie seconded to accept the proposed SIP budget. Approved by everyone.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2005 in the Yosemite High School Board Room, 3:15 p.m.

Agenda Items: Consider additional SIP committee member nominations

Adjournment: Betsy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m. Steve seconded. Approved unanimously.