

**Yosemite High School  
SIP Minutes  
February 4, 2008**

**Call to Order:** Betsy Blum called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Gina Tempesta, Steve Raupp, Mary Chirolo, Staci Rolff, Becky Stolp, Betsy Blum, Jeanne Ratchford, Steve Browning, Sarah Tapney, and Mike Cole

**Audience of Visitors:** Jimmy Lee, Ashli Revere

**Approval of February 4, 2008 Agenda and January 7, 2008 Minutes:** Mary Chirolo moved to approve the agenda and minutes and Staci Rolff seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.

**Program Review – Mock Trial & Octuris – Lee/Cole:** Jimmy Lee opened the program review portion of the SIP meeting saying Mock Trial students try cases. Mock Trial stimulates students' interests in the field of law, he said. When you win county, which Yosemite has done in the past 18 or 19 years, the costs to go to State nears \$4,000, Jimmy Lee elaborated. I don't think we could do it (go to State) without SIP funds, he said. SIP funds are "very, very needed." The competition at State is unbelievable, he continued. This year's State competition is at Riverside March 28 and 29.

**Octuris** – Mike Cole began discussion of Octuris stating Octuris is a publication featuring students' art and creative writings. Anywhere from 30 to 40 students participate, he said. One edition of Octuris will be published this year and SIP funds the endeavor. Mike Cole then introduced student Ashli Revere, who has taken the publication under her wing. Ashli said her goals for Octuris is making the publication look more 'put together', for example, using same fonts throughout. Ashli then went on and answered SIP member questions about the fine arts publication.

A side note to Program Review came from Steve Browning who exclaimed, "We Won!" Steve was referring to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Madera County Academic Decathlon held Saturday, February 2, 2008. He said YHS students scored 1500 more points than last year.

**SIP Budget update – belt tightening** – Steve Raupp opened this discussion stating we are OK for current year. Current year shows a submitted budget of \$109,837 with \$109,151 allocated. But next year is a different story, Steve began. He says he sees a 10% budget reduction for next year. Steve then discussed a proposal to perhaps follow for next year. He proposed breaking down SIP budget into three priorities in the order listed: 1) staffing 2) support ongoing programs and 3) proposals from staff.

SIP funds some of the library tech's salary; pays for a 6-hour career center position; pays for a student support facilitator and funds some staff hours for the

tutoring center. SIP supports ongoing programs such as Mock Trial, Academic Decathlon, History Day and Challenge Days. Proposals from staff include testing snacks and field trips.

While there was no vote taken, SIP members agreed to Steve Raupp's budget proposal. Because of the budget uncertainties, members agreed not to entertain proposals from staff until the beginning of the 2008 - 2009 school year as this was where the 10% budget reduction would hit the hardest. SIP members agreed to see where school funding was at before staff proposals could be taken into consideration.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is Monday, March 3, 2008 in the Library Meeting Room at 3:15 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.