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School Leadership Team Agenda

April 14, 2011

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1. **Call to order** at 4:40pm.

2. **Approval of prior meeting minutes.** The minutes were sent via email. There was a typo in item number five. Also there was an error between the words "per session" and "comp time" in item number nine. Minutes were approved and changes were adopted.

3. **Student print station.** There is good news. We can purchase software where students can use a debit card and use it to print from a print station. The students will pay by the page, lower than the price at Staples. 7N7 looks to be a location. The trick is to get two machines up and running at $20,000 and $3 per card. We could include the cards in the freshman packet. Lease, ink/toner and, maintenance would be covered under the fees. The Mouse Squad would be able to oversee the printing service. We will need to field test and get it up and running over the summer. The system has to be able to fight off viruses.

4. **Vacation homework policy**. There have been changes since the last time we've met. Vacation homework can only be assigned by all English classes, core history classes (including AP), Health, Math (including all AP), all LOTE classes, Chemistry, Biology, Physics (including all Science AP) and DDP. Vacation homework needs to have a five day buffer before/after breaks. This excludes reading assignments. Exams cannot be given the first day back from a vacation. We need to remember that the homework given should not be longer than a weekend assignment. This policy as a whole seems to only favor the seniors and not do much for the other grades. The assignments seem to need to have a time limit – they need to be no longer than any usual homework assignment per four days we have off. We also need to keep in mind that each vacation is varying in length of days we have off. Mr. Asher will put this by the faculty meeting on May 2, 2011. We should be able to finalize this by next SLT meeting.

5. **CEP planning retreat**. We need to set a date. Summer should be avoided. Thursday, May 26, 2011 will be the date. We will cancel our meeting for May 19th as compensation for this added meeting. We will start at 9:00am. This will be an all day event to create the three year plan.

6. **PTA report**. The Gala was successful, over $15,000 raised. Well put together as a whole! Perhaps a faculty talent show might be more entertaining next time? We know for next year to gather materials for next year. The number of faculty there, other than PE, was low. Maybe next year we could do it the Friday night of Homecoming. This might bring in more money. The parents seemed to like the parent to faculty interaction that night.

7. **Principal's report**. The budget for next year has left us in the black as there was a change in chancellor. The shortfall in the city is $700,000,000 for the fall. This is because of the stimulus funds which have run out. Network teams will be cut and the majority of the cuts will aim at central. Parent coordinators

may take a hit too. Fair funding formulas might have to change – this would benefit us because we do not get what we should per student. More people are getting raises and differentials, while no more money is coming in to pay for it. 5N6 and 5N7 are under construction along with the library. Furniture will come to the library on April 27th. We are having problems with the elevators with accidental and intentional vandalism. The students have been stampede rushing the elevators. These elevators will no longer be available to the students in the fall. We are no longer going to scare tactics. We have tried to work this out, but there is a severe lack of respect on behalf of the students. All elevators will be on a card. Student government and faculty have tried to resolve this issue. The mob mentality of students in this building regarding the elevators has ruined it for them. The Grab-and-Go breakfasts will be no longer available to the kids in the fall. The café will have breakfast in the fall and food will be contained there. There are portions of breakfast being thrown out the windows and landing on personal property of our neighbors. The litter from the breakfasts is too much to handle. We need to take steps to maintain school tone. Cell phones, when used deliberately, will be taken. Dress code for students needs to be addressed. Net books have been distributed for faculty. New lockers are in for the eighth floor. The musical, *Into the Woods*, has been doing well.

8. New business from SLT members. There was a proposal for academic eligibility for participation into clubs and student government. This proposal has not been followed through.

9. Meeting adjournment at 5:46pm. Reminder of next meeting date: May 26, 2011.