

**SILA Monthly Meeting
Shiocton, WI
February 8, 2012**

I. Anne Louis called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Members Present: Kelly Zeinert, Anne Louis, Jenny Moeller, Bill Collar, and Terri Brouillard

Members Absent: Ron Conrads, Sally Ritchie, Linda Lemers, and Sue Pichott-Berard

II: Additions to the Agenda - None

III. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jenny Moeller, 2nd by Terri Brouillard Motion carried.

IV. Motion to approve the January 2012 minutes made by Jenny Moeller 2nd by Terri Brouillard Motion carried.

V. Delegations – none

VI. Reports

a. Mrs. Louis

- Discussed the Grant Process and where we are at
- African American Project
- Noodle tools being used for research
- Staff relationships (working well)
- Discussed open enrollment (lottery process, enrollment window, etc)

b. Mrs. Zeinert

- Discussed the expulsion of a SILA student and the process for her return – she will need to reapply.

c. Mrs. Moeller

- Discussed fundraising ideas
- A Silent Auction/Spaghetti dinner will be held on March 22
- Each advisory will put together a basket for the Silent Auction
- The Governance Board will also put together a basket\
- The 501C3 status was discussed (Mr. Collar will be making contact with Mr. Pierre)

VII. Continuing Business

a. January Sams

- Mr. Collar shared with the board a letter that he had put together (draft). The Communications Committee was thrilled with the letter and will be creating an electronic form

- b. Alinea
 - Mrs. Louis sent a letter to Alinea terminating services.
 - c. Report from the State Charter Conference on 12/1/2012
 - This item will be covered at the next meeting due to Mrs. Ritchie's absence

VIII. New Business

a) Grant Budget

- Mrs. Louis shared with the SILA Governance Board the preliminary budget for 2012-13. She asked for input.

b) Laptop Computer Going Home

- The SILA Governance Board was informed that the computers would not be going home this year (per Mr. VanderHeyden's request). The board decided to have Sally Ritchie and Terri Brouillard meet with Mr. VanderHeyden to hear his concerns.

c) Question about Students working ahead in Science and if they can work during the summer

- SILA students will be able to work ahead in other science courses as long as they are keeping up with hours in the other subject areas
- SILA students will be able to work during the summer on Math and Science

d) Foreign Exchange students – Do we need to change the focus of our global component?

- The board discussed the fact that students from European countries do not flourish in SILA. Students from the Middle East and South American countries have experienced great success.
- A concern was brought up that maybe the students are hanging around each other too much. The staff did not feel that this was the case
- It was decided that there should be two foreign exchange students per advisory for next year (that is the goal)

e) SILA students in Traditional Classes

- The SILA staff feels that it is too much of a distraction
- The overwhelming consensus was that if SILA did not have a teacher certified in science then the SILA students should be able to choose
- The board discussed a possible compromise
- Mrs. Louis will be compiling some data for the next board meeting
- We will discuss again at the next meeting

f) Need Approval for Fundraisers

- Mrs. Zeinert shared with the board the school procedure for organizing a fundraiser. Mr. VanderHeyden confirmed that SILA does need to follow this procedure the following morning.

g) Field trips, accounts, wish list, etc

- The parent committee would like to set up an account similar to the band program. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea.
- Mrs. Louis and the other advisors were asked to create a wish list of things that they needed along with the estimated costs

h) Fall Frolic Date

- The parent committee would like to move the date of the Fall Frolic to earlier in the school year.
- There was a discussion that maybe it should be moved to the end of August and call it a “Back to School Bash” instead.
- Jenny will be taking it to the parent committee to see what they say

VIV **Next meeting:** March 14th at 5:30 pm in Mrs. Louis’ room

X. **Meeting adjourned.** Motion to adjourn was made Bill Collar, 2nd by Terri Brouillard. Motion carried.