**Minutes of the SWMD Principal’s Conference**

**Meeting of August 20th, 2009**

*Attendees: Nate Sievert, Brad Pleuss, Ron Schleef, Kevin Lemke, Jerome Wolff, Joe Greefkes, Mike Butzow.*

*Not Present: Dave Snyder, Larry Sellnow, Nathan Buch.*

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The Meeting was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by Chairman Schleef.

Nate Sievert led a devotion titled “Christian Education”, by Paul T. Prange.

The minutes of the March 6th, 2009 meeting were discussed and approved.

*Discussion was held regarding Nate Sievert’s responsibility in taking over the boys’ basketball tournament. Since Nate Buch was not present, Nate Sievert was given Nate Buch’s phone number for further information.*

*Discussion was also held regarding the roles and responsibilities of each member of the athletic committee.*

**New Business:**

1. Professional Development
	1. Nothing was presented.
2. MLHS Report
	1. Pleased to report that school enrollment is higher than it has been for several years.
	2. Mr. Joel Cordes, called to replace Mrs. Lisa Cox, is integrating himself well and will be installed August 20th, 2009.
	3. New windows have been installed at MLHS.
	4. Two Smart boards have been set up for use in the high school.
	5. MLHS has switched over to online grading, via Power School.
	6. MLHS submitted its annual WELSSA school improvement plan.
	7. The front entrance at ML is receiving an update.
3. Academic Committee
	1. Date updates:
		1. Forensics switched from October 24th to November 21st.
		2. Quiz Bowl switched from March 13th to March 20th.
	2. Discussion is being held regarding the format of the Quiz Bowl.
	3. Questions for the bowl will be leveled by grade.
	4. No handout will be sent out to the schools regarding how to prepare for the Quiz bowl. The question format will be consistent with normal curriculum.
4. Athletic Committee
	1. No report was given.
5. SWMDTC
	1. A website will be designed by Jerome Wolff.
	2. The website will contain relevant SWMDTC information.

**Old Business:**

1. Updates (tabled business):
	1. Staff list was updated by Jerome Wolff.
	2. Principal contact list was updated by Jerome Wolff.
	3. Devotion list was updated by Joe Greefkes.
	4. Professional development:
		1. Ron Schleef and Nate Sievert will give a presentation on the first steps in emergency procedure planning. This topic will be covered in several sessions.
		2. Student handbook design and faculty handbook design presentations are suggested to follow.

**Round Table:**

RS- Call changed to Principal and lead for ministerial education at St. Paul Stevensville. Ryan Willis will be taking over 7th and 8th grade for Ron.

NB- 31 students are enrolled for K-8. Terry Steinke will be the new day care director and the preschool teacher for the next school year.

KL- Pass

JW- Developing the SWMDTC website.

JG- Enrollment numbers are up 11 students (PK-8: 68 students). Laura Fritzler will be teaching preschool. Mary Harris will be teaching 2-4. Katie Greefkes will be teaching K-1. A school website has been designed by Joe Greefkes. School lockers and a new playground (phase 1) are being installed.

BP- Pass

NS- Principals are to contact Cheryl Breinling regarding MLHS recruitment visits to each grade school.

MB- Discussed master’s courses and the public school system.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

**-Next Meeting: November 6th @ South Haven (1pm)-**