

Deans Mill School SBIT Minutes
Monday 9 January 2006
DMS Media Center - 4:30pm

To increase opportunities for parents to learn about curricula, student learning and ways to support their child at DMS and within the Stonington Public School District.

Ken Sherwood, Jennifer Middleton, Susan Lyon, Kathy Irvine, Morag Morse, Karen Christian, Faith Leitner, Lisa Switz, Patti May, Anna Greene, Bonnie Cusak, Greg Duba, Anne Gestrich, Heather Gilles, Robin Bressette, visitors: Rob Marseglia, Christine Greene, Meghan Hartley, Liz Watrous, Chris Doan,

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

The December meeting minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Lisa Switz and seconded by Karen Christian.

SBIT/BOE REPORTS

SBIT minutes are now being posted on the web

WBSS: none

WV: none

PMS: basketball news, filled baskets for families, family fitness night,

MMS: none

SHS: none

BOE: none

Ken Sherwood explained the purpose of the SBIT to our student visitors

OLD BUSINESS

***Parent Material Creation**

The Committee will be looking at ways to condense the material to make it more portable, such as magnets and bookmarks.

Heather Gilles suggested distributing materials not just at the library but also the COMO, the YMCA, etc. Jennifer Middleton suggested placing information in independent book stores.

Ken Sherwood acquired some videos for parents and will continue to try to get others. Kathy Irvine suggested that the video on New London Community Channel probably came from the state and that we could call the channel to check on this.

Faith Leitner suggested putting information in the programs for the upcoming spring concerts. Parents spend at least 10 - 15 minutes before the concert and would have the time there to be able to read the material.

***New Science Curriculum**

Anna Greene spoke about the new science curriculum. She suggested that maybe parents become acquainted with the curriculum and help sort out and match up science programs with grade specific curriculum.

Anna Greene made a motion to make a subcommittee to look at coordinating programs with the curriculum. Morag Morse seconded. Committee volunteers: Jennifer Middleton, Kathy Irvine, Christine Greene, Faith Leitner, Bonnie Cusak, Greg Duba, Rob Marseglia, and Anna Greene.

***Budget**

Ken Sherwood spoke about the budget. The requests are for a new health aide, a full time librarian, and a speech language clinician.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Sherwood handed out the K-4 Education Specifications

Next year's school calendar was handed out and was discussed.

VISITOR FEEDBACK

Jennifer Middleton again stated the visitor feedback policy.

Meghan Hartley, Liz Watrous, and Chris Doan stated they were impressed how involved parents are in the school.

Christine Greene thanked everyone for their time.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2006

Greg Duba made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon

