

Deans Mill School SBIT Minutes
Monday 10 April 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.

K. Sherwood, J. Middleton, A. Robbin, S. Lyon, A. Gestrich, A. Greene, H. Gillies, B. Cusak, G. Duba, P. May, C. Albert,

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

The February meeting minutes were reviewed and corrections will be made.

A public hearing on the budget is being held tonight, April 10, 2006 at the High School

SBIT/BOE REPORTS

SBIT minutes are now being posted on the web

WBSS: none

WV: looping 1st and 2nd grade class, writing night,

PMS: pasta supper, volleyball night, CMT night, book night, limit parent nights due to busy spring schedules, Computer night, focusing on October parent nights.

MMS: budget, after school activities

SHS: none

BOE: High school accreditation finished and was very complimentary, DMS beautification, K orientation (see below)

OLD BUSINESS

*Parent Material Creation

Information is being pulled together.

*Science committee

Parent and Pfizer employee Maria Brown will be a DMS liaison. She will be meeting with the committee in an effort to coordinate the program.

*Parent Corner

Heather Gillies reported that Betty Pacelle has gone through some materials and ordered titles. She already has a place in the library picked out.

*Budget/Staffing/Space

Budget meeting tonight, Town meeting on April 24, vote tentatively set for May 2

NEW BUSINESS

***Kindergarten Orientation**

Orientation is a three pronged approach. As of now, about 75 children have signed up.

***Parents as Partners**

Jennifer Middleton reported that the Parents as Partner program has been successful at Pawcatuck Middle School. She was wondering if we would like to do this program. Claudia Albert spoke a little about the program. Anna Greene suggested that the PTO might be interested in running this program. Jennifer volunteered to go to the PTO and ask for their participation.

***4th grade Transition**

The transition process has begun.

***Student Council**

A student approached Andy Robbins and Ken Sherwood about having a student council at Deans Mill. They have been discussing this possibility. One issue is scheduling of meetings.

***Math Night**

A second Math Night is scheduled for May 10, 6:30pm at the High School commons room. The theme of this night is "Ways to help your child prepare over the summer".

***Wellness Initiative**

All districts must have a wellness policy by July. A district policy has now been drafted and sent to the Board of Education. SPS Nutrition Services has done really well creating a balance menu. One controversial area is having healthy role models ie; food as a reward, sweets for snacks, junk food at school functions.

VISITOR FEEDBACK

No Comments

Andy made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon

