

Deans Mill School SBIT Minutes
Monday 15 November 2005
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, Andy Robbins, Jennifer Middleton, Susan Lyon, Karen Christian, Kathy Irvine, Anna Greene, Faith Downey, Patti May, Gretchen Noonan, Lisa Switz, Faith Leitner, Greg Duba, Heather Gilles, Claudia Albert, visitors Katie Vernet and Robert Marseglia

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

The October meeting minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Lisa Switz and seconded by Heather Gilles.

SBIT/BOE REPORTS

WBSS:

WV:

PMS:

MMS: approved SBIT goals, created subcommittees to work on extracurricular activities and student wellness, Academy update

SHS: student concert, long discussion about BOE report, SHS is emergency shelter for town, SBIT goals, extra x block time

BOE: John Bolduc

OLD BUSINESS

*Family Reading Night Display

Karen Christian, Heather Gilles and Patti May created two display boards. One board is on helping your child with literacy at home and the other board has information about literacy. Ken Sherwood shared that there are beginning to be a number of places to look for literacy information. A big thank you to Karen, Heather and Patti.

*2005-2006 SBIT Goal Action Plan

-Back to School Night

-Availability of Curriculum Information

Jennifer Middleton questioned how we can get information to parents (email, website, in school mail). Discussion followed.

-Math Night/Information- Parent only curriculum night at the High School, grade specific allowing time for parents to go to more than one grade level. Jennifer Middleton offered the SBIT for any help with this night.

*ACE Program Update

The first class session went reasonably well last Tuesday. The kids were dismissed into the staff room and then went to their separate classes. There are approximately 95 kids split between 6 classes.

*Donation Follow up

Andy Robbin stated that they will be ordering 4 kid friendly digital cameras. Two cameras will stay in the school and two will go into mobile labs. A cam corder, DVD burner and flash cards to support the technology will also be ordered. A thank you to Mr. Robbin and Sharon Dugger for their work in researching these items.

NEW BUSINESS

*Budget/Staffing

Ken Sherwood reported on the foundation budget. The budget is being drafted now. Due to energy and health care costs, the budget will be very tight. DMS has been asked to stay within a 3% increase. Mr. Sherwood has put in for a .4 media specialist. The kindergarten classes are also possibly becoming larger which might be a drain on the budget.

*PARENTS Supporting Educational Excellence

A twelve session leadership course to provide parents with strategies for 'actively engaging with other parents, educators and community leaders'. If interested please see Jennifer Middleton.

VISITOR FEEDBACK

Can visitors offer feedback during the meeting? Per the SBIT handbook all comments are at the discretion of the chairperson. Jennifer Middleton stated she did not mind if visitors provided comments to agenda topics.

Next Meeting: December 12

Faith Leitner made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon