

Deans Mill School SBIT Minutes

Monday 12 June 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. Greene, L. Switz, A. Gestrich, J. Bolduc, G. Noonan, K. Christian, B. Cusak, F. Leitner, P. May, M. Morse

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

The May meeting minutes were approved. B. Cusak made a motion and L. Switz seconded.

SBIT/BOE REPORTS

SBIT minutes are now being posted on the web

WBSS: none

WV: Earth Day, marvelous Mondays, writing night, Flat Stanley project, voting discussions, parent involvement survey

PMS: none

MMS: Survey after school clubs and develop rubric, 8th grade wellness day, teacher pairing in 5th grade, tech students rebuild computers to donate to charities.

SHS: Junior project to change exam policy, teacher appreciation week, Relay for Life team, NEASC visit went well, unnecessary lights turned off, looking at my space

BOE: Budget cuts, recognized Valedictorian, in school dental plan for those who do not have dental care, monthly financial reports, approved two student wellness policies, Next Board Meeting is tomorrow night (Tuesday 13, June) 7 pm at Central Office. Ken Sherwood stated that in the past children know who their teacher for next year is at the end of school. If the budget does not pass today this will not happen.

OLD BUSINESS

***Parent Material Creation**

Jennifer Middleton spoke to Heather Gillies about meeting over the summer. They will attempt to gather materials for next September.

***Science Curriculum Sub Committee**

Anna Greene and Christine Green have things in place for next year.

***Budget/Staffing/Space**

Ken Sherwood stated that there was a 10 percent impact on the operational budget. In terms of staffing, the school is still at the same place. The computer lab will, possibly, be placed in the Library.

Lisa Switz stated that West Vine held a voter meeting in which they handed out voter registration cards.

Patti May voiced concerns about she and Sherry Castodio absorbing the additional classrooms. She is worried about physically being able to fit the classes in. Ken Sherwood stated he shares her concerns, however a schedule has not been determined yet. Anna Greene stated that a music room is needed and suggested we try to budget it back in in the future.

***Parents as Partners**

Children can receive points every time parents participate in the school. Activities need to be age appropriate and classrooms receive the points as a team. In addition, Jennifer Middleton suggested that the SBIT and the PTO work more closely together in other aspects.

NEW BUSINESS

***Dates to Remember**

VOTE TODAY

Flag Day Wednesday 14 June, 2006 - parking is at the Mystic Aquarium

4th grade Party Friday 16 June, 2006

***Goal for 2006-2007**

Parent Involvement

Susan Lyon suggested we take a look at the 5 year strategic plan when planning goals, such as Centers for Excellence and Parent Education.

Anna Greene suggested that the science subcommittee and the voting process be part of Parent Education.

Gretchen Noonan suggested that the DMS SBIT send a representative to the Board of Education meetings.

OTHER

Claudia Albert is not here tonight due to West Vine's SBIT. Ken Sherwood asked if anyone minds changing our meetings to a different Monday. A new meeting day was set for the first Monday of each month with some exceptions.

Ken Sherwood went over the member list. Morag Morse, Gretchen Noonan and Anna Greene will be finishing their commitment this year.

Ann Gestrich asked if a SBIT parent member be a part of the hiring committee. Ken stated that one committee of 6 people is appropriate. Lisa Switz made a motion for Ann Gestrich to be the parent SBIT representative on the hiring committee. Faith Leitner seconded and it passed unanimously.

Anna Greene suggested that it would be prudent to look at revising the SBIT by-laws. Ann Gestrich and John Bolduc volunteered to help. Lisa Switz made a motion to review the by laws. Ann Gestrich seconded and it passed unanimously.

VISITOR FEEDBACK

None

Ken Sherwood made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon

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