

# Mystic Middle School SBIT Minutes

## Tuesday 7 February 2006

### MMS Media Center - 6:00 pm

*MMS SBIT will work to:*

*\*Support the expansion and diversification of extracurricular activities at MMS*

*\*Continue to support the town building committee for the Stonington Schools*

*\*Devise and support a plan which will actively seek out ways to increase meaningful parent involvement*

*\*Devise and support a plan to actively seek out and promote community awareness and involvement*

*\*Support a school wide Wellness initiative*

Sue Dumas, Kelly O'Connor, Susan Lyon, Gail LaChance, Jennifer Bausch, Mark Friese, Claudia Albert, Debbie Downie, Dave Eck, Rob Cary, Michelle Nolan

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

The January meeting minutes were accepted as amended. The date of the next meeting should be changed to February 7, 2006. A motion was made by Sue Dumas and seconded by Kelly O'Connor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*After School Clubs - Mark Friese reported that he has compiled a list of current after school activities. The following is a quick overview.

Art- 30 students/once a week. There is a waiting list and Gail LaChance is trying to get everybody in.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Drama- 7-8 students/once a week. They are writing screen plays

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Drama - doing well

Student Council- 15 students

Public Speaking- 15 students/meets Thursday afternoons, do Friday announcements.

Newspaper-10 students/meets Tuesdays. Sue Dumas asked how many times is the newspaper published.

Yearbook-many many students but about 20 students meeting weekly

Jazz Band- Mr. Hilbie gets a stipend. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Jazz Lab Band has 48 students and meets Tuesday mornings. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

Jazz Lab meets Wednesday mornings and has about 44 students. There is also Wednesday after school homework help.

The Spring Jazz Concert is set for May 17, at 6pm.

Select Chorus

Basketball Team

Intramurals

Math Counts- numbers are low this year.

Possibilities: Chess Club, Middle Ages Club, Crafts Club, Science Club, French Club, Computer Club.

Sue Dumas suggested that the SBIT and the After School Club committee should take a look at existing clubs and evaluate the numbers. The SPS Athletic Committee makes decisions at the end of every season to fund activities. This is good time to look at the clubs and make recommendations. There is some money for supplies but stipends are hard to come by.

There was also a suggestion to do a survey of the students. Claudia suggested doing the survey online through Survey Monkey. Kids can do the survey during computer class and the information is already collated for you.

#### **\*Academy Block Update**

Academy is moving along well. Students who have the most needs, have made the most gains. Student are getting CMT skills and transferring skills into the classroom. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades are focusing on math skills not covered in the curriculum. A 7<sup>th</sup> grade rubric went home in report card to inform parents.

#### **\*Budget**

The budget was presented to Board of Education. The BOE asked that the budget be reduced before going to Board of Finance. \$415,000 of new programming and \$215,000 from the foundation budget has been cut. This is still a 6.9% increase. The BOE did a good job preserving programming. The focus is on early education, class size, literacy initiative and special needs.

The lights are on at the high school all the time spending needless electricity. Hopefully, it will be resolved soon. There will be a meeting on March 8 where the BOE will make the budget presentation to the Board of Finance.

\*Other

John Jones, the assistant principal at the high school will be making the transition to the middle school.

West Broad is sponsoring a CMT informational night on Feb 28. Everyone is invited.

Math Night was successful. Approximately 50 people attended. There are plans to have another 'Investigations' night.

Mark Friese asked about the possibility to change the quarterly marking period to three trimesters.

Gail LaChance asked if any actions were taken in regards to the defibrillator. Claudia Albert said nothing has been done as of yet.

#### **SBIT/BOE REPORTS**

WBSS: none

WV: none

DMS: none

PMS: none

SHS: irrigation for fields, adding coaches, groups working with Human services on violence, steroids and rights and responsibilities of parents and teens.

BOE: none

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

None

#### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Wellness Committee did not meet. Jason Wolfradt has information and research that should be looked into.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2006

Kelly O'Connor made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon