

Mystic Middle School SBIT Minutes
Tuesday 14 March 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*

S. Dumas, K. O'Connor, S. Lyon, M. Friese, J. Bausch, M. Nolan, W. Riley, R. Cary, D. Eck, E. Cassata, D. Downie

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

The February meeting minutes were accepted. A motion was made by D. Eck and seconded by E. Cassata.

NEW BUSINESS

***After School Clubs**

The committee is still collecting data. They are looking at the stipends some clubs receive and evaluating where money is best spent. Sue Dumas stated that we can make recommendations to the BOE, but there are contractual issues. She suggested making an evaluation rubric to help determine which clubs are being successful. The rubric might also guide criteria and structure of the clubs. How can the contracts be handled best? Also, Sue Dumas said she has a line item on the budget for after school supplies.

***Wellness Committee**

There are several wellness initiatives already in place within the school. Healthy CMT snacks were brought in during testing. Grant money from the Stonington Education Fund may be available.

***Stone Ridge**

Emilia Cassata reported that one teacher asked for assistance with a butterfly garden. Mr. Hilbie will be taking the Jazz Band over there for a concert. Debbie Downie suggested we have an Art Show at Stone Ridge.

***Academy Block Update**

Academy has been suspended during the CMT's. After testing, the Academy program will be evaluated again. Sue Dumas reported that the students that traditionally had difficulty taking the tests seem to have a much smoother time this year. Whitney Riley said that the students have really learned vital skills and getting them in small increments throughout the year has helped them to integrate those skills into their classroom work.

***Budget**

A Stonington Public Schools District 'BIG Meeting' will be held on March 23, 2006 at 7:00pm. The Board of Education will be at the Big Meeting. Rob Cary reported that the budget that went to the Board of Finance was lean. The BOF will begin meeting next week to discuss the budget. It is critical that parents get organized (come to the meeting, phone trees, etc.) to get the word out so that the budget is passed on the first vote. If the budget does not get passed, the BOE believes people will be cut.

***Other**

SBIT/BOE REPORTS

SBIT reports are now available on the web.

WBSS: CMT parent night,

WV: none

DMS: discussions centered around budget, creation of parent corner

PMS: none

SHS: none

BOE: budget

ACTION ITEMS

*Every grade level has a supplemental test each year. The fifth grade piloted the science test that will be used next year. Sue Dumas stated that it is a hard test. She has started to talk to the fifth grade teachers about how the curriculum is taught. It will be important to make sure that science be focused and given structured time.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A Committee will be put together to evaluate the possibility of trimesters.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2006

Sue Dumas made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon

Approved 9 May 2006

