

Pawcatuck Middle School  
SBIT  
Minutes of May 1, 2006 Meeting

In attendance: M. Mueller, S. Hutchins, D. Beverly, M. Rogerson, D. Willner, J. Giulini

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

REPORTS:

Jane Giulini presented the Principal's Report. She shared information presented by Det. Sgt. Dave Knowled in his Parents' Night presentation of April 25. Focus of the evening was how to protect our computer systems. He noted that there are 63 million users on Myspace.com alone. It allows pictures, chatting, and blogs, and doesn't filter pornography, drugs, etc. Officer Knowles shared several monitoring devices and offered suggestions for parents to oversee children's use of the Internet.

Mrs. Giulini shared that Emily Colby, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, was selected to be published in the CT Student Writer Magazine. Her memoir was chosen from 2,000 entries. The publication is provided by the CT Writing Project, a division of the National Writing Project, a nationally funded initiative.

Additionally, Mrs. Giulini discussed the progress of the Science Collaborative with Killingly Intermediate school. Our current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in ice breaker activities with KIS on May 15 and 22 as a segue into next year's partnership.

OLD BUSINESS

Jane Giulini initiated discussion of the final Parents' Night for the year. Dr. JoAnn Frieberg of the CT State Dept of Education will present a workshop in "Friendships, Cliques and Bullying: Understanding Boys' and Girls' Aggression". She will lead discussion on how boys and girls differ in their friendship patterns, in their loyalty to cliques, and how they manage and show their emotions.

It was decided that Jane meet with teachers to brainstorm possible topics for Parents as Partners Night next fall. One possible topic might be the role of iMovies.

NEW BUSINESS

Three parents will display posters regarding voting for the budget. They will do off school grounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting of the SBIT will be held on June 5, 2006.