

Stonington High School
Tuesday, May 16, 2006

SHS SBIT 2005-2006 Goal

Strengthen the school to community connection in two distinct ways: bringing the community into SHS during X-BLOCK and sending students out into the area for job shadowing and internships.

Members Present: L. Bolduc, K. Donovan, M. Devine, M. Gillick, P. Jeffrey, N. Kepple, S. McCarthy, M. McKee, C. Moore, J. Moore, K. Moore, B. Morrone, S. Murphy, L. Raffo, B. Taylor, A. Walsh

Visitors Present: T. Kasprzak (Westerly Sun), S. Kurczy (Stonington Times)

Two documents distributed: 1) 2006-07 Student Government Officers; 2) 2006-07 Class Officers

Meeting started at 5:04 pm.

I. Reports

A. Minutes (4/25/06) – Accepted.

B. Student Report (B. Taylor) – Student Government Elections held. Class Officer Elections held. Induction of officers held May 25th at the Seaman’s Inn. Relay For Life to be held Friday May 19th.

C. SBIT Reports/BOE Report/Policies Under Review

SBIT Reports

No reports given during meeting, because the SBIT reports are now available online.

BOE Report

Wellness Policy was reviewed at last BOE meeting. No more cola available at school. After July 1st, no carbonated beverages, soda and sport drinks during school hours.

D. SBIT Goal Status Report (M. Gillick) – Maureen suggested that past alumni meet with the current junior class during x-block on May 30th. Guidance is offering a series during x-block “Using the summer months more effectively in the college search”. Job-shadowing continues (CPA, architect, floral owner, interior decorator). Michala Kepple and Aliyah Schultz both participated in an “International Political Science” class; both received “A’s” and felt it was a great experience.

E. SAILS – John Jones (while he was asst. principal of SHS) saw the need to meet the needs of all students (academic and social). Four academic subjects are taught Mon – Thurs; one hour per subject. Add’l classes meet 2:30pm – 5:00 pm. Four teachers have agreed to teach these add’l classes. Enrollment has increased. Currently 3 boys and 4 girls are enrolled in the program. Mike McKee said that the BOE is “pleased with the academic rigor of the program”. And that SPS is committed to finding academic programs for all students.

F. Alumni Forum – An Alumni Forum may be planned for January, 2007. Suggested topics include the NAACP process (as told by a student-athlete currently in college), film, drama, dance, and preparing an art portfolio. Pat Jeffrey will set a date in January between Christmas and exams.

G. ’06-’07 Parent Forums – Steve Murphy read an e-mail he received regarding the “Being Safe on the Internet” Parent Forum that the SBIT and Human Services had co-coordinated. Nick Kepple suggested scheduling the next series of parent forums at another time other than evening – maybe 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm or 7:30 am or 8:00 am. We should all be thinking of topics of interest that can be presented during the 06-07 parent series.

II. Visitors’ Comments – None

III. SBIT Comments – Graduation speaker is needed. The now-vacant Athletic Director position will be advertised.

IV. Action

V. Agenda

VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 5:53 pm

After 6 years as recording secretary for the Stonington High School SBIT, I have decided to take a one-year hiatus and spend more time with my last child in his last year at Pawcatuck Middle. In these six years I have seen phenomenal changes: x-block, new course offerings, new sports, and the amazing proposal to renovate the high school. All these innovative ideas at one time or another were on an SBIT agenda. If a SBIT vacancy exists in September of 2007, please consider my re-enlistment. ☺ Peace ☺

Susan McCarthy