

**Stonington High School**  
**Tuesday April 25, 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. Conway, M. Devine, K. Donovan, P. Jeffrey, S. McCarthy, M. McKee, C. Moore, B. Morrone, J. Norcross, L. Raffo, C. Sartor, A. Walsh

Two documents distributed: 1) SHS's NEASC Visitation Report 4/6/06 BOE Presentation; 2) BOE Report prepared by Sam Agnello dated April 25, 2006

Meeting started at 5:04 pm.

**I. Reports**

**A. Minutes (3/21/06)** – Accepted with the following corrections: 1) Andrew McKenzie was listed as an SBIT *member present*, when he actually was a *visitor*. He is a SHS teacher; 2) Under *SBIT Comments*, the correct spelling of student Pat Cortay's last name is *Korte*; 3) Under *Visitors Present*, Stephanie Cozzolino is actually *Tiffany Cozzolino*; 4) Remove the term '(spelling?)' from SBIT Comments section after corrections are made.

**B. Student Report** (B. Taylor) – Presented by Jen Norcross and Luke Raffo. Elections are planned for Student Government officers. The junior project this year is to change the senior exam policy to include the entire student body (freshmen on up). Student Government is planning Teacher Appreciation Week. The talent show, "Skits", raised ~\$300. About a dozen varied acts performed, including yo-yo talent and Grace Murney playing her harp. Jenna Moore has been organizing school members, and raising funds for the upcoming "Relay for Life".

**C. NEASC Visit: 4/2/06 – 4/5/06** – See the document distributed earlier during the meeting. Sharon Mueller stated it went "very well". Pat Jeffrey stated that NEASC members felt "the SHS staff did an excellent job" preparing for the NEASC visit. Pat drew our attention to item #6 of Tom Moore's (NEASC Chair) Closing Remarks, "SHS has a great mission and great kids (smiling, happy, respectful; enjoy school). SHS is truly a community of learners." Luke Raffo gave school tours to NEASC members and had a NEASC member shadow him for a day. Kaitlyn Moore and TJ Keemon made a video about the town, "Welcome to our Home". Dr. Murphy, not present at tonight's meeting, has been asked to co-chair a NEASC committee. Dr. Murphy will receive a preliminary copy of the NEASC report before the final report is issued in July, 2006. The accreditation process will be completed in January, 2007.

**D. SBIT Reports / BOE Report / Policies Under Review**

**SBIT Reports**

None

**BOE Report / Policies Under Review**

See the second document distributed at the meeting. Policy #5122.3 "Students; Assignment of Former Home Schooled Students to Classes" has been accepted. First Reading for the following new policies: Policy #6142.101 "Instruction; Student Nutrition and Physical Activity" (Student Wellness Policy); Policy #5111.1 "Students; Registration Requirements for SPS"; and Policy #5118 "Students; Nonresident Attendance". Policy #5111.1 states what must be done and collected when a new student enters the SPS, whether new resident, foreign exchange, entering kindergarten, etc. It costs ~\$10,000 per student here in town. This money goes into the town budget, because the school doesn't collect money. Regarding the Wellness Policy, because this policy has only gone thru the first reading, it has not yet been approved by the BOE. Lynn Conway suggested the policy recommend increased in-school physical activity. Sue McCarthy will post a copy of this wellness policy < <http://www.stonington.org/Admin/docs/WellnessPolicy1stReading.pdf> >. Physical activity at school is not mandated by the state. All SPS students have Physical Education classes.

The Guidance Curriculum has been revised. The SHS lights have been fixed so that unnecessary lights are turned off at night.

**E. SBIT Goal Status Report** – April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Maureen Gillick is the best person to report on this issue and she is not present tonight.

**II. Visitors' Comments** – None

**III. SBIT Comments** – Concerning the idea where SHS Alumni would be invited back to speak to the current student body regarding a variety of student related topics ("playing sports in college", "putting an art portfolio together", etc.). Bryan Morrone stated that there were lots of questions surrounding this concept. The next Parent Forum is Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The topic is "Internet Safety" and social networking (with sites such as www.myspace.com). Clare Sartor reminded everyone to vote and suggested that all families registered with k12now be reminded to vote. A voting reminder should be placed on the stonington.org blog. Absentee ballots are available at the town hall. Pat Jeffrey explained the new vending machine policy (access is limited during school hours).

**IV. Action** – Members should consider expectations and a list of questions for SHS Alumni who return to speak with the current student body.

**V. Agenda**

**VI. Adjournment**

Susan McCarthy