

**January 24, 2006**

**SBIT Minutes**

**In attendance:** Emily Noyes, Claudia Albert, Mrs. Goodrich, Sam Mandell, Gail MacDonald, Karen Hamm

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.**

**Information Item:**

- ❖ February 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 Mock CMT for parents hosted by WBSS SBIT - The entire district will be invited

**Discussion Items:**

**Budget**

- ❖ Gail shared that Board of Ed is working on budget process
- ❖ Reconfiguration discussion has begun: new philosophy, new way of thinking, reducing class sizes in the early years
- ❖ Mrs. Goodrich mentioned disappointment on the prioritizing of the new programming, seeming that athletics were the priority followed by mental health
- ❖ Gail said that this would be discussed by the Board
- ❖ Board of Ed presentation to the Board of Finance is on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A decision has yet to be made when the Board will present the budget to the public.

**Instructional Improvement Plan update to Board:**

- ❖ Mrs. Jordan reported that teachers are using data representing a wide variety of assessments, student work and student reflections, self-assessments, and goal-setting to identify and focus on areas of need for targeted instructions
- ❖ Mrs. Goodrich mentioned that the discussion about the school instructional improvement plan was very brief at the Board of Ed meeting and she wished there was more time to discuss this very important issue for parents

**Parental Involvement:**

- ❖ Mrs. Goodrich shared parent frustration over the inability to help their children at home and requested that more information about what is being taught and when it is taught be sent home: Example: What health topics are taught and when
- ❖ Mrs. Albert suggested that parents be made aware of how they can become more knowledgeable about curriculum: Example: All curriculums are to parents available in the school library
- ❖ Mrs. Albert stated that a goal of the district is to eventually summarize curriculums in a "brochure" type format.
- ❖ SBIT requested that a date be set by the school for a parent attended math class.
- ❖ Suggestion made by Mrs. Goodrich that a similar type of daytime program be offered routinely for other curriculum areas.

### **Math Investigations:**

- ❖ Claudia recommended an article in the January 12<sup>th</sup> Newsweek that discusses technology and mathematics.
- ❖ Emily and Karen described how teachers use Math Investigations as well as supplemental materials to meet the needs of our students and to align our math program to the Connecticut Framework.

### **CMT's:**

- ❖ Discussed the CMT schedule March 3<sup>rd</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Supplemental Testing will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup> Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the supplemental/unscored test on March 20<sup>th</sup> .

### **Book Chat**

- ❖ December chat focused on bullying and how the school responds.
- ❖ The next book chat will take place in March. Raising Ophelia and Raising Cain will be the books read.
- ❖ Mrs. Goodrich asked about whether or not we would have the 20-20-20 mixed lunch schedule from last year. Mrs. Jordan explained that this requires a great deal of staff, more than we have this year to run the program safely for students. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be "mixed-up" for lunch beginning in mid-February.
- ❖ Next meeting, February 28<sup>th</sup> at SHS – Mock CMT

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.