

SBIT : 5/23/06

Members in attendance: Terry Jordan, Carolyn Goodrich, Gail MacDonald, Emily Noyes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center.

WBSS Updates:

- Emily Noyes reported that the Faculty discussed the types of opportunities that parents would benefit from. The staff decided to provide consistent opportunities at different times of day throughout the year. Emily also reported that the staff had discussed different types of activities that parents could be involved in, for example helping with a Publishing Center or at teaching skills at recess.
- Design Committee: How can we utilize space in the building more effectively? Terry Jordan reported that the process used by the staff to examine this question and come up with a plan was very successful. A number of options have been developed and although, one project, to build a small workroom in the main hallway, called Option A, has been approved by the Fire Marshall and the Town Building Inspector, Mrs. Jordan reported that Options B, C and D have also been developed to be considered by the staff in the event that Option A is not realized. The full re-design plan, which requires some room changes, was reviewed with SBIT members.

Board Update:

- Gail gave an update on the budget process. The second vote for the budget did not pass with disappointing voter turn out percentages. The next referendum date is set for June 12th. Mrs. Goodrich shared that volunteers to call all parents, in each classroom to remind them of the vote.
- Gail inquired about the status of the "Palm Project". Terry reported that she has applied for several grants and has requested a class set from the budget as well. We are hopeful that this project will be approved! 😊

Parent Involvement Activities - The team discussed setting dates for the 2006-2007 calendar and coordinating those dates with parent meetings scheduled by the District

- o WBSS will host a First Day of School Parent Social
- o A grade-level curriculum overview will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- o Family Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- o We will also host a meeting for parents to help them to interpret the CMT Parent Reports – to be scheduled when the CMT 's arrive
- o October: Academic Support Parent Night
- o Math Team Leaders are also planning three parent evenings next year
- o Mrs. Goodrich requested that Parent Involvement Activities be scheduled and announced well in advance so that working parents can plan for them.

SBIT wrap-up for the 2005 – 2006 school year

- o Goals have been revised and decided on.
- o We are hoping to get another parent representative for SBIT next year, as well as a community representative.
- o Gail suggested asking Vicki Anderson from the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to act as our community representative.
- o Carolyn also suggested a couple of neighbors that she could also ask to act as our community rep.
- o We would like to have a balance between teachers, parents and community members for our 2006-2007 SBIT
- o The SBIT thanked Gail for her representation of the Board on the Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.