

West Broad Street School
SBIT Meeting
Tuesday: 4/25/06

In attendance: Claudia Albert, Terry Jordan, Gail MacDonald, Emily Noyes
Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center.

Information Items:

- ❖ The team is looking for a community representative to act as another SBIT member.

School updates:

- ❖ Palm Grant Program: Meeting the needs of students (especially reluctant learners) through technology. This would benefit word processing, literacy skills, organizational skills, etc... We hope that this will be motivating and exciting for all students. Funding for this project is being explored through grants.
- ❖ Marvelous Monday was a great success this month with many parents giving positive feedback to Terry. The format was changed slightly with more specific guidelines for presentations.
- ❖ The next Book Chat is scheduled for Monday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library/Media Center. The book to be read is A Whole New Mind by Daniel Pink.

Board of Education updates:

- ❖ Update from the Board of Ed.: Budget vote is next week on May 2nd. Notices will go out from schools this week.

District updates:

- ❖ Update from Central Office: Planning professional development for new technology curriculum requirements. The proposal will go to the board next week. These new requirements are mandated by NCLB. Middletown has piloted a program called "ISAFE" that Stonington is looking into. This could meet the need of "appropriate usage" for Internet use. We discussed what a success the laptops have been for elementary school teachers.

Discussion Items:

- ❖ Team reviewed SBIT goals with parent involvement as the focus and agreed that we will extend our current goals into next year.
- ❖ Claudia suggested that since Marvelous Monday was so successful this past month and well attended by parents the school should consider planning a parent involvement opportunity monthly to establish a routine and encourage more participation. The team discussed planning daytime and nighttime events every other month.
- ❖ We also talked about the possibility of copywriting the 4th grade play, *Tale of the Charter Oak*, to sell to other 4th grades in CT to possibly fund some other programs at WBSS.
- ❖ Looking Glass Theater presented *Hoot* and it was wonderful! Emily shared how her grade level team's discovery that engaging students in theater not only

- motivated reluctant learners but is also a strategy that is challenging for all learners.
- ❖ The team discussed possible Parent Involvement Activities for the 2006 – 2007 school year including establishing a Publishing Center that might serve to promote the publication of a school yearbook or a literacy magazine. Other topics brainstormed included: using family interviewing for writing development; develop the use of theater ☺; plan a more comprehensive program for Read Across America that might include a guest author, a showcase of student work, and ways that families could celebrate literacy together.
 - ❖ The final topic discussed was reorganizing the First Day of School Celebration which would invite parents in the First Day for an adult “social” when they drop their children off but follow-up with workshops sessions for parents during the 2nd week of school.
 - ❖ Mrs. Jordan explained that all ideas will be shared with the staff and decisions about dates and topics will be finalized at a Faculty Meeting.
 - ❖ The Team agreed that a CMT parent evening will be planned for parents in the fall to help parents to read and interpret their child’s CMT results. Mrs. Albert and Mrs. Jordan agreed that they would conduct another Mock CMT meeting for parents next year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center.

*Agenda
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Information Items: Updates on:

- *School Programs/Building initiatives for the 2006 – 2007 school year*
- *District*
- *Board of Education*

Discussion Items:

- *Finalizing parent involvement calendar for the 2006 – 2007 school year.*

Decision Items:

- *Parent involvement activities for the 2006 – 2007 school year.*