

WEST VINE STREET SCHOOL SBIT MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2006
WVSS LIBRARY 4:00 PM

Members in attendance: Ginny Brown, Ed Haberek, Marika Heughins, Kathy Dreher, Sue Jones, Karen Abston
Members absent: Tricia DeLapp, Claudia Albert
Visitors: Cyndi Schneider, Chris Julius

The Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.

Due to conflicting meeting schedules with some SBIT members, it was decided that a new meeting day/time will be planned for future SBIT meetings. It was agreed that the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm would work for most SBIT members, however this will be discussed further and the next meeting date will be posted .

The November 2005 SBIT Minutes were approved. A motion was made by Marika Heughins and seconded by Karen Abston.

It was decided by the SBIT members to begin the meeting with “New Business” first, then proceed with the regular agenda.

New Business:

Math Night, hosted by the SPS district, is an informational presentation/workshop planned for parents only on Wednesday, 1/25/06 at 6:30 pm in the commons/cafeteria of SHS.

Writing Night, hosted by the WVSS SBIT, is being planned. Marika Heughins will schedule a date and plans will be discussed at our next SBIT meeting in February.

Thrilling Thursday was discussed. Ginny Brown gave a brief overview of the original intent and purpose of Thrilling Thursdays: a time to gather staff, families and children together, once a month, to celebrate children’s work. Chris Julius gave a brief overview of how the HOT (Higher Order Thinking) School grant WVSS benefited from in recent years promoted school gatherings such as Thrilling Thursdays and how research (including. Renzulli’s Triad) shows the positive impact of children demonstrating their talents as artists, writers and speakers, as they grow up and succeed in the “real world”. Cyndi Schneider, Kathy Dreher and Sue Jones expressed their desire to have WVSS continue with Thrilling Thursdays. Ginny Brown suggested a subcommittee, composed of teachers and parents, to further discuss how WVSS could continue having Thrilling Thursdays, keeping it’s purpose to celebrate children’s work in mind, while also considering the impact on instructional time and fire codes. More information regarding this subcommittee will be forthcoming .

SBIT Reports:

Since all draft and approved minutes are online, Kathy Dreher suggested our SBIT members continue to read minutes from other SBIT's, but only report on topics that are important or highlighted from each school. SBIT members agreed with this.

Kathy Dreher highlighted two things from the most recent SHS SBIT meeting: An all – SPS-SBIT meeting to discuss common issues such as parent involvement, parental communication and budget issues in February may be scheduled; also, the three topics of free forums being offered to parents at SHS are Teen Dating, Rights and Responsibilities of Parents and Teens and Internet Issues.

BOE Report :

Ed Haberek reported that the BOE is meeting with school administrators regularly regarding the 2006-2007 budget and trying to find ways to trim the proposed draft budget presented at the January BOE meeting.

Old Business:

The 2005-2006 SBIT goals were presented as follows in draft form to SBIT members and it was decided that SBIT members will review these goals in preparation for the February SBIT meeting so they can be finalized:

- I. Continued implementation of the parent compact by providing opportunities for parents/guardians to participate in curriculum-related workshops or family nights.
- II. Increasing two-way communication with parents by providing information about SBIT activities through the school newsletter and website as well as providing opportunities for parent feedback through surveys.
- III. The development of a new format for the WVSS Handbook.
- IV. Review and revision of SBIT bylaws.

A worksheet was provided to SBIT members to propose amendments to the SBIT bylaws in preparation for the February meeting so proposed amendments can be discussed and drafted at the February SBIT meeting.

Ginny Brown gave a brief overview of WVSS Instructional Improvement Plan updates, as it was presented to the BOE at the January BOE meeting.

Discussion about the Three Year Old Birthday Party was tabled until a future meeting when Claudia Albert is available.

Ginny Brown stated that Kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year has been scheduled on March 27th & 28th.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

