

WEST VINE STREET SCHOOL SBIT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Members in attendance: Ginny Brown, Ed Haberek, Kathy Dreher, Sue Jones

Members absent: Marika Heughins, Claudia Albert, Karen Abston

The Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

Ginny Brown made a motion to accept Mrs. DeLapp's resignation from the WVSS SBIT. Sue Jones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Ed Haberek made a motion to accept Tia Dudda as a WVSS SBIT Teacher Representative. Ginny Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

The minutes from the January meeting were accepted.

After some discussion, it was decided that our meetings will still be held on the third Monday of each month. However, the meeting time has been changed to 4:30pm.

Tia Dudda will be responsible for posting minutes from each meeting in the office and in the SBIT binder in the library.

The Summit Meeting was discussed. The purpose of this meeting will be to 1) give parents information regarding the Board of Education Budget and 2) devise a strategy to aid parents in getting more people to vote in the referendum. It was discussed that the SBIT's and PTO's from each school will present activities and events that they are planning. It is important to emphasize the impact of a budget reduction on each school (fewer staff members, larger class sizes, fewer field trips, more PTO and parental financial responsibility). The idea is to have the PTO members return to their respective schools and inform other parents of the importance of voting. It was discussed that Ginny Brown and/or Mr. McKee may personally invite some parents to increase attendance at this meeting.

SBIT REPORTS

Tia Dudda will report on West Broad Street School and Deans Mill School SBIT minutes.

BOE REPORT

Ed Haberek reported that the focus of the BOE meeting was on the budget. All new programming and another \$200,000 have already been cut from the budget. The BOE will present the budget to the Board of Finance on March 8, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

SBIT GOALS

A sixth goal was added to the 2005-06 goals. It will read as follows: Celebrate children and build culture and community. The goals were unanimously accepted.

SBIT BYLAWS

It was decided that any proposed changes to the SBIT Bylaws will be discussed at our next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP NEW HANDBOOK

Ginny Brown will find out who prints the Deans Mill Handbook. Kathy Dreher will send emails to find volunteers to help develop a new WVSS Handbook.

THREE YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY PARTY

It was discussed that SPS could contact area preschools and have parents sign a release for the preschool to share information with SPS regarding children entering the school system. We are going to wait to discuss ideas with Claudia Albert at a future meeting.

THRILLING THURSDAY SUBCOMMITTEE

Ginny Brown has emailed the WVSS faculty regarding the Thrilling Thursday subcommittee. The teachers would like to change the name from Thrilling Thursday. Due to scheduling conflicts, it would be difficult to plan a meeting including both teachers and parents. Therefore, it was discussed that Ginny could meet with parents and teachers at separate times and share ideas between the groups. If this did not seem convenient, parents could contact Kathy Dreher or Sue Jones with ideas, and then Kathy and Sue could bring these ideas to a meeting with the teachers' subcommittee. Ginny will discuss this further with Kathy and Sue.

NEW BUSINESS

WRITING NIGHT

A possible writing night will be discussed at a future meeting when Marika Heughins will discuss her ideas and a possible date.

NEW PROGRAMMING 2006-2007

The district goals were discussed. The strategy is to use more centers for excellence in the classrooms. There would be choices for educational opportunities (promote choices for different learners). After discussing these new strategies with the faculty, Ginny Brown will update the SBIT on more specific strategies that will be used during the 2006-2007 school year.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

none

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm

