

WEST VINE STREET SCHOOL  
SBIT MINUTES  
April 24, 2006

Members in attendance: Ginny Brown, Tia Dudda, Marika Heughins, Karen Abston, Sue Jones, Kathy Dreher

Members absent: Claudia Albert, Ed Haberek

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm.

The March 20, 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

SBIT Reports

There were only a couple of school's SBIT minutes available on the SPS website for review prior to this meeting. There were no new significant updates to report. As previously discussed, all SBIT members are encouraged to review each school's SBIT minutes as they become available on the SPS website.

BOE Report

Updates regarding the SHS improvement plan was discussed. The budget was also discussed.

Old Business

The subcommittee met on 4/3/06 to discuss the new WVSS Handbook. WVSS secretary, Denise Gavitt, will work on creating the updated version of the handbook based on changes suggested by the subcommittee. Ginny showed samples of possible binders and discussed the idea of contracting with a printing company due to the large number of copies required. One binder would be distributed per family. This should potentially save WVSS money and provide families with fewer papers to sort. The PTO can discuss the directory portion. It was decided that once Denise has completed the updates, the subcommittee should meet one more time to finalize the details.

Seventy percent of families responded to the looping class questionnaire. Sixty families responded "yes" or "maybe". In Tricia DeLapp's class, only one family has yet to respond. Class lists will be completed over the next several weeks.

The Earth Day Celebration will take place on April 27, 2006. The assembly will be in a community meeting format. It will include a brief welcome, a brief history of Earth Day, a slide show (showing the students helping to mulch the WVSS gardens), the children who created a project will have the opportunity to stand up and briefly tell about their project and Mrs. Julius will share the murals the students created in art class.

Kathy Dreher suggested that we should look into the new criteria that WBSS is using for their "Marvelous Monday" events. The WBSS faculty appears to be creating entertaining

skits, readings, artwork, etc... pertaining to the topics being studied in the classroom. It was suggested that WVSS speak to Mrs. Jordan to discuss the criteria they are using. Marika has volunteered to do this. Also, it was discussed that perhaps each teacher could be assigned a month to have their students participate.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, WVSS will be looking for a long term substitute teacher for music. There will not be a music concert this year. Letters will be going home with the children regarding this change.

Marika Heughins and Tia Dudda discussed some ideas for writing night. They are going to send a list of topics home to parents so they can choose. The staff will discuss the results of the survey prior to planning the writing night. "Flat Stanley" and distributing journals to the children were also discussed. This will be discussed further at our May meeting.

The response to the "Big Meeting" was tremendous. Many people volunteered to help to "push" the budget. The voting hours have been changed. The new times are 6am to 8pm. Louise Brown is looking for people to volunteer at the polling places. They will need to be briefly trained, and they will be compensated for their time.

#### New Business

We will discuss the SBIT goals at our May meeting. We will decide if we have met our goals and which goals should be continued into the next school year.

Marika Heughins will take the minutes at our May meeting.

Kathy Dreher will write a short SBIT newsletter regarding voting in the referendum and SBIT vacancies (Parent Rep. and Community Rep.).

Kindergarten orientation is June 7th and 8th. Ginny Brown has requested that the SBIT make a brief presentation to the incoming Kindergarten parents.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.