

WEST VINE STREET SCHOOL
SBIT MINUTES
June 12, 2006

Members in attendance: Ginny Brown, Kathy Dreher, Marika Heughins, Sue Jones, Jim Taylor

Members absent: Claudia Albert, Ed Haberek, Tia Dudda, Karen Abston

Visitors present: John McNally, Lisa Bolduc, Barb Becker

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

The May 15, 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

SBIT Reports

The SBIT reports are available online. There was nothing new to report. SBIT reports will be reassigned in September.

BOE Report

The budget was discussed briefly. The BOE will finalize cuts depending on the outcome of today's referendum. The graduation and awards at the high school were discussed. Also, the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the class of 2006 were discussed.

Old Business

The WVSS Handbook is completed. Ginny Brown will email it to the SBIT members so they can review it.

Marika Heughins reported that the May 30th Writing Night was a success. It was suggested that it would be helpful if it were earlier in the school year. Marika has volunteered to chair a writing night and a reading night next year. Mrs. Henry suggested to Marika that it would be helpful if Open House, Reading Night and Writing Night were scheduled in consecutive months. The Parent Compact was briefly discussed. It was suggested that Open House should contain a curriculum "overview" and examples of students work at grade end. Marika mentioned that it would be helpful for children and parents to hear what is expected of students. Jim Taylor suggested a book entitled "Yardsticks". This book describes the expectations for children and teachers for each grade level.

Kathy Dreher distributed a copy of the budget information handout that was given to parents at Kindergarten Orientation. Making budget information available to parents was added to a list of ideas for the 2006-2007 SBIT Goals.

The PTO will be providing the SBIT with \$400 to be used for the Writing Night and Reading night next year.

The Celebrating Children Committee met last Wednesday. They have set tentative dates for the monthly celebrations. Marika will be reviewing the dates with WBSS to try to avoid scheduling conflicts. The committee consists of teachers from each grade and Mrs. Julius. They are planning on having one event each month (including the YMCA program). Each event will have a theme, curriculum based presentations, artists of the month and a song. The committee is working on the specific dates for these celebrations to fit the teachers' and students' schedules. The events that are tentatively scheduled are as follows:

September - Flat Stanley

October - YMCA

November - Giving back to our community

December - Sing-a-long (Katie Southard has volunteered to chair this.)

January - YMCA

February - 100th Day Celebration

March - YMCA

April - Earth Day

May - Spring Concert (at PMS. Also to include a writing/art gallery)

June - Awards Ceremony

New Business

The 2006-2007 SBIT Goals were discussed. Ginny gave a summary of the functions of the SBIT. Some of the ideas for next year's goals include:

- 1) Continue to review the Parent Compact
- 2) Increasing two-way communication with parents
 - a) Provide information about SBIT activities through a monthly SBIT newsletter distributed to parents with the school newsletter
 - b) Provide opportunities for parent feedback through surveys
 - c) Make budget information available to parents (possibly in the WVSS Handbook)
- 3) Review and revise SBIT Bylaws
- 4) Assess Celebrating Children Programs

It was suggested that the SBIT meet, informally, in August to get to know one another. Also, during this gathering, the members will discuss the SBIT's 2006-2007 goals and calendar. Jim Taylor has volunteered to host this event at his home.

Sue Jones made a motion to appoint John McNally as a Parent Representative of the WVSS SBIT. Jim Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.