

Pawcatuck Middle School  
SBIT  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 6, 2006

In attendance: C. Albert, D. Beverly, D. Cawley, L. George, J. Giulini, P. Krause-Choquette, S. Hutchins, L. Yutzy

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM. Minutes of the October meeting were read and corrected.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Giulini presented the Principal's Report. She noted that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. was successful this year, as evidenced by students' enthusiastic involvement in learning activities at the museums and monuments throughout the week. Mrs. Giulini shared student reflections, which had been published in Panther Tracks.

She reported that 60-65 parents attended Parents as Partners I which was held on October 25. Guest speaker was Clint Kennedy who shared information about useful web sites.

Additionally, Mrs. Giulini shared that Mrs. Deledda has been honored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She participated as a presenter at the National Science Teachers Association Regional Conference in Baltimore on Nov. 2 – 4.

Claudia Albert reported that she will be meeting with science teachers to share the new CMT Science test which will be instituted in 2008 for grades 5, 8, and 10. Expectations will be far reaching; for example, the grade 5 test will include skills from K-5 and content from grades 3-5.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Lori George reviewed the parent surveys completed at parents as Partners I:

- Many parents prefer evening sessions
- Six parents shared that they have skills/careers to share with students

It was decided that an SBIT member will interview parent volunteers and will ask questions such as "How do reading, writing, and math fit into your career?" A purpose is to link academic subject to real world careers.

Claudia Albert suggested getting more information from parents regarding careers and skills. Lori George will put a survey in Panther Tracks and do follow-up phone calls to parents. Jane Giulini will share information with teams.

SBIT members agreed to have Parents as Partners II: Game Night on December 4, from 7-8 pm. The evening will include the challenge games around services/activities offered at PMS and a Power Point presentation about Chikumbuso, the school-wide initiative.

#### NEW BUSINESS

SBIT members were given copies of the PMS-SBIT By-laws to review before the January meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Dec. 4 at 6:30 pm before Parents as Partners II. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss staffing needs for the 2007-2008 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.