Stonington High School
December 18, 2007
SBIT Meeting

Members Present: C. Moore, M. McKee, D. Willner, S. Alfiero-Bavasso, K. Donovan, P. Jeffrey, M. Guidera, S. Murphy, M. Gillick, A. Walsh.

Visitor: S. Agnello (BOE member and parent).

Reports:

A. Minutes (10/16/07)-Approved.
B. Student Report-M. Guidera reported on the many happenings in SHS: Spirit Week, Thanksgiving Day Rally, Fall Sports Night, Math Meet, Mystic Stroll, Career Day, PSAT's scores, NHS volunteer at Human Services, Choral Concert, Band Concert, Reindeer Games and Holiday Basketball Tournament upcoming.
C. BOE report-No report.
D. Westerly McQuades Register Tapes- Can be brought into SHS, must be from the Westerly store.
E. Report Cards, GPA, Honor Roll- S. Agnello explained the current calculations on the GPA's and Honor Roll. Discussion on whether to denote on the Honor Roll those students who are taking AP and Honor Classes. S. Murphy explained the weighting system all classes at SHS (handout). GPA listed on report cards is cumulative and not specific to that quarters' grades. Report cards will now list point value for each grade to add up to current GPA for that quarter. Parents/students can then get cumulative from Guidance Dept. Final report cards will have cumulative and class rankings. M. McKee would like to get rid of having pre-requisite for all classes. Anyone can take any class for challenge.
F. China Partnership- M. McKee spoke about his recent trip to China and the establishment of 2 sister schools. Next year a delegation from Stonington will be going which will include Mr. Giulini and Mr. Haberek. M. McKee will give a brief presentation at the next BOE meeting, Thursday, December 20. He will give that presentation at our next meeting January 15, 2008. He would like to establish teacher/student exchanges, video communications etc… They are working on the possibility of the schools sending basketball teams here for exhibition games between Groton/New London/Stonington. Student athletes will stay with Stonington students. Mr. McKee did mention there is no security in place in any of the Chinese schools.
G. Perkins Innovation Grant- Last year's grant was the establishment of the Credit Union in SHS. (Handout-Proposed SHS Comprehensive Guided Career Development Model. Making SHS more integrated not more vocational. S. Agnello volunteered his service for setting up internships, job shadowing etc…for all careers. He works in Human Resources at Foxwoods and they have most careers available.
H. 2008-2009 Budget- (Handout). BOE will spend January working on the budget at every meeting. March 1 the budget goes to the Board of Finanace. M. McKee stated the increase in this years' budget will be due to increase in staffing.

Visitors' Comments- None.

SBIT Comments- A. Walsh concerned that French would be dropped from the high school curriculum. M. McKee explained he is advocating for Mandarin Chinese to be added to the middle school curriculum first. There are currently no 7th graders taking French in the middle school. He assured us that all students currently taking French will be allowed to continue with it through high school. The BOE usually only approves 2 languages in the system. Determination will be made by March 1 when the budget is brought to the Board of Finance.

Action- None.

Agenda- M. McKee will show his China presentation.

Adjournment- Adjourned 6:26 p.m.

Four documents distributed:
1. Stonington High School 2006-2007 Final Report Card.
2. Current weights from Handbook for Honor and AP classes.
3. Proposed SHS's Comprensive Guided Career Development Model.
4. Calendar for Preparation of FY 2008-2009 BOE Budget.

C. Moore