

**Stonington High School**  
**SBIT Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

Members Present: C. Moore, M. Guidera, M. Gillick, L. Gillick, D. Willner, J. Norcross, P. Jeffrey, M. Devine, S. Alfiero-Bavasso, M. McKee.

Visitors: Jeffrey Moore, Kirstyn Tracey, Rebekah Kepple.

Meeting started at 5:04 p.m.

Hand-out from Rebekah Kepple on Save the Bay.

I. Reports:

A. Minutes: (1/22/08) –Approved. M. Gillick mentioned that K-12Now is no longer available. M. McKee said something new will be in place by the end of the week.

B. Student Report: M. Guidera recited a long list of activities and student recognitions happening at SHS. Some of these include scholarship finalist, music festivals, boys and girls basketball team successes, upcoming CAPT testing, and painting a wall mural in the cafeteria by Dana Robinson.

C. BOE Report: R. Carey not present. M. McKee said the Board has made an amendment to the rule on students with cars registered at school and early dismissal. Students with their own cars may be dismissed early with a phone call and a note from a parent without the parent coming in.

D. “Save the Bay”: Rebekah Kepple was introduced. She is a SHS graduate working for Save the Bay in their new office in Westerly, RI. She informed the SBIT members of this organization’s goals. She was given the names of Mr. Hardison and Ms. Whitman to contact to possibly get students involved.

E. Student Recognition: This was covered under Student Report by M. Guidera. P. Jeffrey congratulated M. Devine on the success of “Sojourn” who earned a rank of excellent from the Teachers of Excellence. It was 1 of 11 schools to receive this honor.

F. China Presentation: M. McKee gave a presentation on his trip to China with a question and answer period after. It was very informative and exciting for SHS!

G. Career Pathways Grant Awarded: This year’s grant was \$58,000. The Career Pathways Center will be in Room 104. Teacher’s lessons will have a focus on careers. On 12/12/07 there was a Career Day at SHS. Grade 9 students will be building their Grades 9-16 Plan of Studies portfolios with a focus on careers with the para-professional in the Center. M. Gillick suggested the Como’s program “Get Real” be incorporated into the Centers’ resources. P. Jeffrey thanked Dr. Murphy for writing this grant and integrating this at SHS.

II. Visitors’ Comments: None

III. SBIT Comments: M. Gillick brought to the attention of the members that the GPA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards is incorrect. She has already spoken with the guidance office about this. It needs to be corrected ASAP with seniors being done first so new

transcripts can be sent to colleges with the correct GPA! M. McKee stated this would be done ASAP. P. Jeffrey will notify all SBIT members how this will be corrected. All students GPA's will be recalculated.

L. Gillick was a panelist on the Teen Driving Forum held last night at SHS. Governor Rell wants schools to have assemblies on teen driving. The organization IMPACT will do a free program. L. Gillick and M. Gillick discussed having all students at SHS participate in a survey on the new proposed laws for teen drivers. It would be difficult to do before the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March because of CAPT testing. Any cost incurred could be covered by Chief Stewart, Senator Maynard and The Day. The logistics were discussed and a committee consisting of L. Gillick, M. Gillick, P. Jeffrey, J. Norcross and M. Devine will work out the details with K. Donovan. M. McKee stated that even if the survey is too late for the April proposal with the State, The Day could still run a story and use SHS as a model school.

L. Gillick also mentioned a program about teen driving and alcohol sponsored by the Backus Hospital in which students tour the emergency room and morgue. It can be up to 45 students at a time. M. McKee said this may be a problem because of transportation.

IV. Action. Committee formed to coordinate a survey by students on the new changes to the Teen Driving Laws.

V. Agenda.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Cynthia Moore