

WBSS SBIT Minutes
January 22, 2008

5:00 pm – Call to Order

- 5:05 PM
- Members in Attendance: April Smith, Lori Taylor, Barbara Becker, Elyse Stewart, Hayden Conley, Terry Jordan

Business Items:

Community – “Healthy Living” with Mary Ann Nash 1/29/08

- Did flyer at Deans Mill go out?
- Terry will check with Ginny and Kelly to see if they got them, and put them out
- Terry wants to check with some newspapers for a public service announcement
- This will tie in to GTTF’s “Stonington Gets Healthy” initiative

CMT Night – Tuesday, 2/26/08

- Change the date? It’s right after vacation!
- Let’s change it to the 28th of February
- 3rd grade parents would like a copy of the test to review with children
- What does writing look like?
- How long will students take CMT’s daily?
- What to expect? Looking at CMT samples
- Should parents get a sample packet for parents to fill out (4th grade)
- Good reasons why we take the test
- Guidelines for how to help your child (ex. healthy breakfast)
- Next year, we should plan and have a CMT night to go over the results
- Where should we have it? Let’s launch in the gym and then break off into groups

Book Chat –

March – Bullying

- Date is set for Wed. April 2
- Book is Just Kidding

May – Responsibility

Discussion Items:

Board of Education Updates (April Smith)

- First piece of budget was presented and Foundation represented only 3.95%, budget increase, what it would take to make the district run as it is this year, with no new programs
- New programs presented to the Board are under consideration and will be discussed at the January 24th special meeting
- The Board is considering removing one position from grade 3 WBSS and grade 1 WVSS

- Proposed Calendar
 - o PD days are spread over the first three months

District Updates (Terry Jordan)

- Reading Symposium is focusing on reading and boosting reading scores
- RTI (Response to Intervention) overlaps this initiative; reviewing/revising SAT process for the district
- GTTF- Focusing on the “Whole Child” – ways to increase parent involvement, healthy child initiative
- New Tech Task-Force is being formed

School Updates (Terry Jordan)

- Working on getting palms back into students hands
- Assistive Tech working well
- Secretary-We called 9 people for interviews, 2 declined to interview
 - o Have a new secretary named Linda Kuja
 - o She is starting Thursday, Jan. 24th

Parent Updates/Questions/Concerns

- Are High School kids supposed to be hook up with at-risk students at recess?
- Can we do World Languages Class like DMS?
 - o Yes, if PTO/parents organize

Comments by Citizens

Decision Items:

Book Chat Night dates/content
Final Planning of January and February events

Next SBIT meeting: February 12, 2008

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.