

West Vine Street School SBIT Minutes
September 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 4:40

Members in attendance:

Virginia Brown, Tia Dudda, John McNally and Leanne Masterjoseph

Visitors:

Matt Peel

- I. The dates for upcoming meetings was discussed. The following dates have been tentatively approved. 10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/25, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19 and 6/16 (though we may chose not to meet this close to the end of the year) Matt Peel was nominated as a parent representative and the group voted in favor of this. Mrs. Brown brought up the the chairperson position was currently vacant. After a brief discussion, she and John McNally decided to share the position and a vote was taken. They were approved and will share the position for the 2007-2008 school year.
- II. It was asked for volunteers to report on the SBIT minutes from around the district. Matt Peel would report on SHS. Tia Dudda will report on DMS/WBSS and John McNally will report on MMS/PMS.
- III. The group then decided to go over the proposed goals.
 - review parent compact
 - build two-way communication between parents and school to disperse SBIT info.
 - Look over budget information.
 - Assess and revise the celebrating children program
 - Review relationship between SBIT and Board of Education
- IV. The group then discussed old business. The proposed parent survey to evaluate climate was discussed. This survey was discussed at length over the 2006-2008 year. John McNally stated that perhaps it was meant as a way to reach parents who do not feel involved and determine how to give them opportunities to become involved. We would have to see how the survey fit with the goals and the mission statement of the SBIT.
- V. It was then brought up that the staff at WVSS should be asked how the SBIT could support the school community. An email will be sent to all staff asking for their input.
- VI. John brought up that the mission statement was a little vague. Perhaps the role of the SBIT would be more clear if the mission statement were clarified. His sentiment was agreed with and Matt Peel thought that it would be a good idea to look at the mission statements from the other SBIT's. Leanne Masterjoseph will bring handbooks from the other SBIT's. Ginny Brown

asked whether the mission was to support educational initiatives. Improving the school and its programs would not be part of the SBIT's power.

- VII. Next month the SBIT will look through the handbook and think about how to choose goals for this year that are attainable. The SBIT will also try to make the mission statement more representative of what the SBIT is capable of doing for the WVSS community. We will also ask for feedback from the staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40