

West Vine Street School

SBIT Minutes

03/17/2008

Members Present: L. Masterjoseph, G. Brown, M. Peel, A. Collette, T. Dudda, D. Rea, J. Taylor

Meeting started at 4:36 PM

II. Review/Acceptance of Past Minutes

- The minutes from the 2/25/08 SBIT meeting were accepted

III. SBIT Reports

- Matt read the highlights from the high school SBIT minutes: topics included a new protocol to be followed by students/parents for signing out students for early dismissal, a Save the Bay presentation by Rebekah Kepple, details about a Career Pathways Grant that the HS received, and an update about the Teen Driving Forum.
- Leanne updated the group about the other SBITS: PMS talked about their Learning Expo, MMS discussed the use of after school clubs, DMS discussed the use of SMARTBoards in the classrooms, and WBSS discussed their CMT Night, which was sponsored by their SBIT

IV. BOE Reports

- Doug updated the group of the Board of Education's actions, discussions. Topics included:
 - Frank Connolly's retirement
 - Leanne's Stonington Academy for Teaching
 - The Building Committee and WVSS; possible solutions discussed include (1) moving WB, WV to PMS, DMS to MMS, and opening one new combined middle school and (2) use the WVSS land/property more; either way, John Bolduc said he wanted a plan by May for the town
 - There will be a budget hearing on 4/9 at SHS

V. Goals

- It was stated that progress towards goals is good and to continue the work

VI. Old Business (Budget Update)

- Old business was updated through Doug's BOE report

VII. New Business

Book Chats book and Date

- Tia and Ginny met to discuss the event
- The group decided it will be on 4/22 at 3:45
- There will be one book per grade
- The books are, by grade level, *The Rainbow Fish* (Kindergarten), *Leo The Late Bloomer* (1st Grade), and *Molly Lou Mellon* (2nd Grade)
- Anne, Tia, and Ginny will work on end-of-day logistics to iron out what will happen between the end of school and the start of the book chats
- A pamphlet about the event will be sent out to parents during the 1st week of April

After-School Enrichment

- The PTO organized a "fabulous" after school enrichment program, which includes Yoga, Karate, Aquarium, Science Sampler, Mad Science, and other activities for children
- Dates have been set for the Field Day and the second grade picnic
- There will be a presentation on looping to parents on March 27th
 - Jim asked about when the success of the current looping program will be assessed; Ginny said it is informal right now, and that the main purpose is to give parents another choice for their children
 - The group discussed a survey that could be given to parents to find out what they think of the lopping program

VIII. Questions/Comments

- Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Meeting Adjourned at 5:03 PM