

Pawcatuck Middle School
SBIT October 3, 2005
Minutes of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were: S. Hutchins, M. Mueller, C. Albert, C. Rossi, M. Rogerson, D. Beverly, D. Willner, L. George, and J. Giulini

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

SBIT members welcomed Corinne Rossi, our Board of Education liaison for 2005-06.

Principal's Report: Jane Giulini sited the increase of SLBW activities that are readily apparent at PMS this fall. She shared the redesigning of Stonington by students who are currently studying geography in grade 7. The activity involved group decision making based on 5 key requirements, illustration of their "New Stonington" concepts, and persuasive presentations for classmates.

Mrs. Giulini discussed the high expectations for all students with Flex Block being used to individualize instruction and provide enrichment opportunities for each child. Additionally, she discussed several after-school activities being offered this year.

Mrs. Giulini mentioned the Baby, Think It Over project slated for 8th grade Health classes. Janis Ingham shared information about the project which entails having students care for a lifelike "baby" for a night. Student responses are printed out to indicate the level of care provided.

The Washington, D.C. trip for 8th graders is set for October 18-21.

Old Business:

Janis Ingham asked Corinne to note at the Board of Education that PMS students held several activities, including a coin drive, hat day, and Tsunami Cinema 6 movie night, to raise money for the Tsunami effort last spring. A total of \$4,000 was raised.

Discussion followed about the 2nd annual NCLB Parents' Night which is scheduled for October 24 at 7:00 PM

- Janis Ingham is creating an activity to engage all parents.
- Jane Giulini will contact Stonington Human Services and the National Honor Society advisor at SHS for babysitters.
- Sandy Hutchins and Marnie Rogerson will assist with hand-outs.
- SBIT members will assist with setting up the cafeteria at 2:40 PM on 10/24.

Again, this year, the Parents Night will offer high-spirited team building activities. Results of serious information-seeking activities will be used to focus the November SBIT meeting and determine agendas for future meetings of the 2005-06 school year.

A draft of the parent letter for Parent Night was shared and revised. Additionally, the agenda for the evening was discussed.

The next SBIT meeting is scheduled for November 7 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.