

WVSS SBIT Minutes
10-15-07

Members Present: John McNally, Matt Peel, Virginia Brown, Leanne Masterjoseph, Tia Dudda,

Members Absent: Anne Collette, Jim Taylor, Corinne Rossi

Visitors: Betty Henry

4:35 the meeting was called to order.

- I. Minutes from September were approved with the correction of the January meeting being moved to January 28th, because the original meeting was scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- II. Members gave reports from all other SBIT's in the district.
- III. BOE- staff from West Broad, Deans Mill and WVSS presented the "It's up to Me!" program to the board and it was received enthusiastically.
 - there was a policy review
 - Kindergarten exit inventory was discussed. This is a state implemented initiative to gauge where student's are when they leave Kindergarten, by using data collected at different points throughout the year.
 - The question raised was, who did this information benefit. While it can clearly benefit the 1st grade teacher, it also may have an impact on future funding for programs such as full-day kindergarten and state funded preschools.
- IV. Proposed goals for the SBIT for the 2007-2008 school year were discussed.
 - review the parent compact with the intention of making it more succinct and relevant.
 - Buid 2-way communication between parents and school to promote community.
 - Review and discuss the budget
 - Redefine the celebrating children program

Betty Henry brought up that it might be a good idea to bring up the SBIT and it's role in the school at conferences.

Leanne felt that we should give examples of the SBIT's accomplishments to parents, so they understand the true impact it can have when parents become involved.

Celebrating children- maybe we can extend the music/art show to include writing.

V. Old Business-

Looked at the mission statements for the other SBIT's. They are almost exactly identical to our current mission statement. Members of the SBIT had felt that our current mission statement was a bit vague. It was decided to adopt a statement similar to the one from the WBSS SBIT.

Matt Peel felt that the handbook should be online.

VI. Budget Overview-

November/December would be when school/district priorities would be decided.

Last year the priority was educating the whole child, with emphasis on the at-risk population. The mental health needs of the students was also given priority.

The rest of the meeting was spent brainstorming some possible budget needs for the 2008-2009 school year.

- Smaller class size for K and 1st grade. Perhaps adding another certified teacher to keep class size low.
- Floating paraprofessional for student needs that seem to change based on change in population throughout the year.
- Materials (workbook version of some programs vs. copying pages)
- A few more laptops for the mobile lab.
- Professional development for teachers in how to effectively use technology in the classroom.

Leanne announced the district literacy night. It will be on November 15. It will be held from 6:30- 7:30 in the SHS Commons.

Every grade will be sharing how they teach reading and writing.

Teachers are going to be asked to support these nights by handing out invitations to parents at conferences.

Perhaps even students can write notes to their parents prior to the event.

January 16 will be the district Math Night. It will also be held in the SHS Commons from 6:30- 7:30. Currently there is discussion about getting a storyteller for the children who attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.