

WVSS SBIT MINUTES

February 25, 2008

Members Present: V. Brown, J. McNally, A. Collette, T. Dudda, L. Masterjoseph, D. Rea, J. Taylor, M. Peel, E. Haberek

Visitors: R. Kepple, M. Lestinsky, L. Carroll

- I. 4:30 Meeting is called order
- II. R. Kepple explained "Save the Bay" and opportunities for the schools to participate.
- III. Minutes from 1-28-08 were read and approved
- IV. Member SBIT report highlights:
DMS/WBSS had Board of Ed members attend SBIT for informal questions about the budget process. Community members felt at ease to ask questions. BOE goal is for better communication.

SHS: beginning with current freshmen class, electronic portfolios will be utilized. Students must demonstrate mastery in each of the learning outcomes. Expansion of world languages (adding Mandarin and French to middle schools).
- V. BOE report: Budget finalized and ready to submit 3/12 at 7:00 at SHS (BOE's presentation to Board of Finance.) School calendar was approved for 08-09 school year.
- VI. T. Dudda shared the book "Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon" as a possible book selection for book chats sponsored by the SBIT. SBIT discussed the feasibility of book chats. What would they look like? L. Masterjoseph shared that WBSS had conducted book chats and discussed how parents and children completed an activity together and then the children and parents were broken into groups. Tia, Matt, Ed and Anne volunteered to help Ginny with the book chats. Possibly the last week in March.
- VII. Ginny reviewed the success of the community meeting and everyone felt it was the appropriate fit for WV.
- VIII. Old Business: L. Masterjoseph clarified Title I funding. WV/WB and PMS fall under the category. A handout was distributed that explained the specifics. This summer, the summer program may be extended to 3 hours and transportation may be provided to make it more feasible for families to have their children attend.
- IX. New Business: Language Experience update: DMS is providing a language experience opportunity for students grade 2 and up. Our PTO felt that at our level it might be better to expose our students to cultural experiences rather

than language instruction. V. Brown will continue to pursue opportunities for next year.

X. Next Meeting March 17 2008.