

Regular Meeting
Minutes of the District-wide Shared Decision Making
Huntington Union Free School District

October 17th, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on October 17, 2018 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY.

ATTENDEES:

District Shared Committee Members:

Nancy Allard, Suzette Biagi, Theresa Duffy, Beth McCoy, Mariam Murtaza, Wendy Naborre, Matt Perlongo, Edie Pulizzotto, Abigail Simon, Brian Stellato, Soraya Triessl, Kim Einemann, Kathleen Ozimkowski, Kristin Schmid, Carolina Addeo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Edie Pulizzotto and seconded by Caroline Addeo to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of May 29th, 2018.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- The building goals for this year are:
 - Create multi-faceted parent event/academy tentatively set for early March - possibly Saturday morning and providing childcare and food.
 - Look at current dress code and how dress codes are changing, and brainstorm ideas about updating the current dress code for the building.
 - Create a parent information board in the lobby where flyers and current events will be posted for parents to be made aware at sign in
- Homecoming weekend is October 19th - 20th, with lots of events planned for the entire weekend
- Safe Halloween - children will trick or treat around the school building
- New VE (virtual enterprise) class will present at POST on Friday

Finley Middle School

- Building Goals for this year are:
 - Add on to the current character education and social emotional learning
 - Extend Human Relations Day to serve both 7th and 8th grade with inclusion of HHS students
 - There is discussion of a field trip to the Glen Cove Holocaust Museum
 - Creation of a Student Advisory Group

Woodhull Intermediate

- Implement Sanford Harmony Program to increase social emotional awareness
- Continue Family Connection Night, first one was October 17th, focusing on diversity
- Parent night
- Twenty-five students recently attended an anti-bullying conference at Hofstra. It is being discussed how those students can help relay what they saw to the rest of the student body
- Career Day will be on April 18, 2019
- Two parent nights upcoming
- Increasing Dual Language Night
- Student council is up and running
- Spirit week is the week of October 15th to increase awareness for homecoming

Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School

- Homework for The Soul - being sent home with follow up questions and prompts for discussion. Quotes from responses will be posted on the "STEM Students Step Up!" mural
- Wonder Week will return this year
- New focus on education in Digital Citizenship - increase educating kids while using technology
- Twenty-five students recently attended an anti-bullying conference at Hofstra. It is being discussed how those students can help relay what they saw to the rest of the student body

Flower Hill Primary School

- Building Goals for the year:
 - Increase the SEL awareness - some ideas being discussed are Day of Play with the staff, Friendship Club at lunch, Before School Playground Club
 - Increasing parent awareness for school assemblies
 - Implementing a Community Day - inviting community members to present
- Outdoor classroom is still in the works

Jefferson Primary School

- There is a goal to increase parent involvement - ensuring that everything going home is being translated; discussion of securing a set of Whisper translating devices to be used at school events; having translators readily available to parents
- Kindergarten Social and Fall Harvest Festival were very successful
- Leadership Team runs on the seven habits of happy kids, 50 third grade students were selected to work on SEL projects and volunteer activities
- Parent workshop evenings - 9 in English and 6 in Spanish

- Math Night planned for November 7th
- SPOT assembly, creation of signs for “Buddy Bench”

Southdown Primary School

- Building Goals for the year:
 - Continue to increase the Home School Connection, Family Reflection Night, and increase use of neighborhood outreach aides
 - Encourage teachers to increase communication home through newsletters, phone calls, email etc.
 - Implement Sanford Harmony SEL- First assembly has taken place already
 - Mindfulness activities announced daily over the P.A. System
- Makerspace coming soon
- Recess club with a STEM focus

Washing Primary School

- Building Goals for the year:
 - Monthly newsletter focuses on what the children are learning
 - Increase parent awareness through displaying children’s work
 - Night activity where parents will be able to participate in hands on events
 - Increase the opportunities to translate all correspondence with parents

PTA Report

- Arts In Education event at Paramount October 9th, 2018

SEPTA

- All board and buildings are represented well
- Rebranded “I Stand with SEPTA” and letting everyone know that all parents are welcome and encouraged to join
- Increase and maintain revenue from fundraisers - Sunset on the Sound
- Continue to support and provide parents with information

Nancy Allard- Title I

- “Meet the Reading Teacher” night was held and about 40 families attended
- Shared activities that parents can use at home
- Clever app was showed and explained to parents

Report from Beth McCoy

- Clever app has software which was discussed
- BrainPop training was given to all teachers with a focus on new coding/moviemaking/concept mapping features
- SEL implemented in grades K-6
- Grade 7-12 health curriculum adjusted to reflect new mental health education initiative
- Science Curriculum changed to OHM program, with a focus on more hands on activities
- Freshman seminar was offered to 8th grade students to help them acclimate to the HHS: study skills support; notetaking; peer support
- Restorative Justice presentations were given at HHS - the program has been a success so far
- Makerspace in elementary buildings will be enhanced through a \$50K grant
- Neighborhood Aides are liaisons with parents, doing home visits and attending parent events to invite parents

New Business

FUTURE MEETINGS: December 5, 2018; March 6, 2019 and May 29th, 2019

We will be starting promptly at 4:00 p.m. Duration of the meeting will be approximately one hour. Members must be members of the Shared Decision Committee in their school. Please make sure an alternate is chosen to attend these meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Liz Lopez and seconded by Suzette Biagi to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.