

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SHARED DECISION COMMITTEE
HUNTINGTON U.F.S.D.**

October 8, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on October 8, 2013 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Committee Members:

Lauren Amendola, Scott Armyn, Christine Biernacki, Dr. K. Card, Jim Lauter, Lucy Marotta, Rae Montesano, Edith Pulizzotto, Cathy Ribando, Nancy Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Scott Armyn and seconded by Kimberly Finneran to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of May 28, 2013.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Has not had a Shared Decision Meeting at this point – nothing new to report

Finley Middle School

- Paying close attention to New York State Middle School Association Essential Elements for successful middle school programs
- 2014 goal – This year, the team will use the NYSMSA Elements as a guide for its goals. We will focus on philosophy and mission and academic and personal support for students
- New program in place - Academic Achievement Program for low-achieving students
 - Students will receive incentives for meeting the following goals – 80% homework completion, 90% sheet return
- Mission statement laminated and now hung in all classrooms

Woodhull Intermediate

- Continue with green initiative - recycling program of bottles in cafeteria
- Promote anti-bullying and awareness of cyber bullying - speaker coming on October 24 to Finley Middle School at night to speak; Woodhull will reinforce
- Guiding parents and students to have a full understanding of curriculum
 - Inviting parents to come to events like Southdown Math Night
 - Parents don't know how to help - Woodhull trying to help parents develop understanding and skills to help their children succeed in the classroom

Flower Hill Primary School

- Have not met yet
- Painting needs to get done - characters from books
- Curriculum Night will occur in the Spring for parents

Jefferson Primary School

- Meeting Thursday, 9/26
- New parent members
- Brainstormed goals at meeting
- Last year- goal was to have parent meetings to inform parents how to help - did not have a great turn out
- At Meet the Teacher Night, they presented strategies that parents could use to assist their children
- Parents received resources to use with their children
- Spoke about recycling
- 4th graders sharing leadership roles at assembly
- Potentially having a "lunch bunch" for students who have difficulties at home to talk through emotions

Southdown Primary School

- No Report, no one present from Southdown

Washington Primary School

- No Report, no one present from Washington

Jack Abram STEM Magnet School

- Have not had a meeting yet
- Trying to do everything hands on
- Started the year off with a tree planting ceremony - students involved in planting - hands on learning
- Culminating activities at the end of year - all related to tree planting activity
- Trying to come up with school mascot - endangered species native to Long Island - students researching this currently - will write a persuasive response
- Speaker came in to speak about endangered wildlife
- Children really feeling like a unit - family support is great - teachers have been phenomenal - bringing new ideas

NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I

No report

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

Handout

NEW BUSINESS

SEPTA

- Film Festival Assembly is occurring at Woodhull Intermediate School and Finley Middle School - partners with Sprout Festival – films shown to parents during the evening, bringing awareness to kids about how to treat others who are different from them
 - Sixty minutes of film / twenty minutes of discussion with kids

FUTURE MEETINGS: 12/10/13, 3/11/14, 5/27/14

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 Kimberly Finneran and seconded by Lauren Amendola to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.