

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

March 11, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on March 11, 2014 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Nancy Allard, Lauren Amendola, Scott Armyn, Christine Biernacki, Suzette Biagi, Dr. Kenneth A. Card, Jr., Suzy Dinehart, Karen McGrew, Rae Montesano, James Polansky, Edith Pulizzotto, Connie Sakellaropoulos, Soraya Triessl, Nancy Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Sakellaropoulos and seconded by Nancy Wilson to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of January 14, 2014.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Parenting Academy – Planning for the Fall 2014, Spring 2015
- K Factor, March 21st
- Video Portfolio for school website under development, will be online by Summer 2014
- Senior, Senior Prom – about 200 participants, coming up in May 2014
- SDM discussing Action Plan for 2014/15
 - Survey of parents to determine strengths/talents that parents would like to share
- Community Service participation
 - Ninth grade student mandated to earn 10 hours

Finley Middle School

- Academic Achievement Meeting
 - Ten students participated, principal congratulated students for their efforts and progress to date
- Students of the Week – respectable, responsible and hardworking
- Motivating unmotivated students – conference will be attended by four teachers
- Parent Night for sixth grade parents will be held at Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School
- Lateness Policy enacted to track students persistently late
 - Teacher lateness slips

Woodhull

- Community Engagement Survey completed by SDM with principal, Mrs. Roethel
 - Goals, work on transition of fourth graders into the building
 - Working on Parent Orientation Meeting for incoming fifth graders
- Parent-to-Parent Communication model adopted from high school

Flower Hill

Not present

Jefferson

Not present

Southdown

- Student Council – Ambassadors
 - Fourth grade students will begin using the Lions Quest Program in classrooms of lower grade
- Math Night
- CoCo House, fundraiser Literary Magazine
- Food drive, student council
- Kindergarten Orientation, fourth grade Spanish speaking students participate.

Washington

- Goal, home school connection
 - First Math Night
 1. Focused on the Olympics
 2. Chris Lofaro very helpful
 3. Fun hands on activity around the CCLS
- Follow-up on Wednesday, March 12th PTA meeting

Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School

- Bench for Buddies, set up and will be used on nice day
- March 21, Osprey month celebration
- SDM looking at ways to improve parent engagement
- Parent Academies
 - Sensitivity Training for parents
- Bullying Program
 - Officer Drew to give presentation on bullying
- Tech Week
- Waiting for Apple Tour

REPORT FROM CHRISTINE BIERNACKI - SEPTA

- Grants awarded to all schools that applied, lots related to technology
 - Replenishment of reward chest
- Distinguished Service Award application is now online

REPORT FROM NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I

- Requirement – Review Parental Involvement Policy
- Distributed Title I parent documents
 - Nancy Allard asked SDM members to present to building team to review
 - She also distributed Parental Involvement Policy and the School Parent Compact

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

See attached

FUTURE MEETING: 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 to adjourn the meeting and so moved by the chair at 5:25 p.m.