

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SHARED DECISION COMMITTEE
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on March 10, 2015 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Committee Members:

Suzette Biagi, Christine Biernacki, Dr. Kenneth Card, Carol Coffey, Liz Cordeiro, Suzanne Dinehart, Keith Meyers, Rae Montesano, Edith Pulizzotto, Soraya Triessl

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Christine Biernacki and seconded by Carol Coffey to approve the revised Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of December 9, 2014.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Work on empathy – student survey, Harvard
- Programs – Parent Academy – Circle of Concern, talked about empathy in the school. Well attended session – 30 parents
- Second workshop on Academic Learning, parents provided with a tutorial on support sites utilized by students
- Student task force, find ways to encourage student engagement and participation. Student will make a presentation to SDM on their recommendations for programs that promote participation.
- Awareness weekend, 12 teacher volunteers with approximately 65 students met in family groups – 12 students per adult chaperone. Very diverse group of students
- Continue work to encourage parents mentoring other parents
- Trying to reinstate paper recycling

Finley Middle School

No representation

Woodhull Intermediate School

- Homework Help Program – headed by Angela Berner and Paula Gasparino – Alternating between ELA & Math – two days a week. Staff members have volunteered for the program. Each teacher serves for approximately one hour.
- Survey conducted about one year ago. Parents recently completed the survey regarding their attitudes about the school.
- Internet Safety Program will be conducted at the end of March
- Mrs. Roethel is using email to communicate with parents
- Science Fair coming up on March 25, 2015
- PARP – Theme
- Woodhull presentation at the Board of Education Mtg.
- Recycling continues of white paper; this year started recycling
- March Madness on Friday, March 6, 2015 raised \$3,700

Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School

- Technology week, company coming in with Drones, NYIT recently received large grant
- Rocket Club, Garden Club
- Raised \$3,000 for Donor Tree Club
- Secured the BIO-Bus for May 20, 2015

Flower Hill Primary School

- PARP “ Rediscover the Classics”
- PTA was able to secure all students a book
- Islander Night, Family Fun Nights
- Parent Night for TIER II students
- Jump rope, Fundraiser for Mrs. Palmer

Jefferson Primary School

- PARP Program “Get Your Paws on a Good Book”
- Pasta Night on Friday, March 6, 2015
- “Tip of the Month”:
January - “Creating a Schedule”
February - “Organization”
March - “Independence”

Southdown Primary School

- Planned Math night, low turn-out due to inclement weather. Working on better turnout.
- Sweetheart dinner, girls invited important people in their life
- PAPP conducted, brought to close by Ms. Hefele
- Preparing for the Science Fair
- Starting newsletter, communication between school and parents
- Workshop for Spanish speaking parents

Washington Primary School

- Combined Math and Science Fair, flyers sent out
- PARP theme, “Going on a Reading Safari”
- Debbie Quiles, 4th grade leaders group, students participate during their lunch period. Students seeking to get a traffic light installed at Whitson Road & Park Avenue
- Spring Book Fair, Family Fun Night
- Islander game, Saturday
- Helping Hands Mission, food collection

SEPTA

- Grants have been reviewed, teachers have not been notified
- Distinguished Service Award, May 4, 2015

NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I

No Report

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

See Attached

FUTURE MEETINGS: May 26, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Suzanne Dinehart and seconded by Soraya Triessl to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.