

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

March 8, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on March 8, 2016 at the Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Committee Members:

Suzette Biagi, Dr. Kenneth Card, Carol Coffey, Theresa Duffy, Jim Lauter, Keith Meyers, Rae Montesano, Edith Pulizzotto, Melody Renick, Melissa Ryan, Brian Stellato, Angela Whitfield, Patti Weber

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Melody Renick and seconded by Angela Whitfield to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of December 8, 2015.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Creation of SDM eBoard
- K Factor – 22 different student acts with a teacher/administration skit, raised over \$5,000
 - all funds to Relay for Life.
- Kick off for Relay for Life, goal to pass the \$5,000 mark in terms of dollars raised. Event will take place in June.
- Student use of electronics

Finley Middle School

- \$5,000 donation in honor of Kate Bender at Relay for Life
- Collecting for Leukemia Foundation
- Goals
 - Enhance student growth
 - Mindfulness in Education
 - PD done for staff
 - Advisory Group of 12 students
 - Developing a survey, student issues, related to compassion
 - Speaker Presentation
 - March 16, From the Fires
 - April 14, Cyber Bullying, Online/Social Media
 - April 20, Mike Marcella
 - May 31, Dillon Brady

Woodhull Intermediate School

- Science Fair 5th grade, during the day
6th grade, evening event
- Career Day Planning underway

Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School

- Developing Survey for previous 6th graders
- Pasta Night, Thursday, March 3, 2016
- Great Race

Flower Hill Primary School

- PARP – Book a Trip – traveling around the world, PTA has donated books so each student has a copy of the book being read by parents
- Math Challenge
- March 20 – Pancake Breakfast at Applebee’s– “No One Fights Alone”
- Discussed Multicultural Night

Jefferson Primary School

- Toy Donation in December
- Book Fair
- Artist of the Month to highlight student work
- Monthly challenge in Math & Reading
 - Problem solving challenge
 - Writing challenge
- PBIS – Patriotic Songs
- Dual Language Presentation, grade 4
- Pasta Night, Friday, March 4th
- Working on a Jefferson Handbook

Southdown Primary School

- Southdown Student Survey on school climate, 3rd and 4th graders
- PBIS – focus on taking care of shared property
- Math Night – rotated into classroom for activities
- Family Fitness Night – stations set up, parent participation required
- Southdown “Stuff” – represents all areas in the building
- Student Council very active
 - Cocoa House – Art, Poetry, Presentation

Washington Primary School

No Representative

PTA

- Relay for Life – get more kids, especially younger kids involved
- March 18 – March Madness, between Woodhull and Huntington High School

SEPTA

- School visits
- Fundraiser – Benefit for Laughs, April 17 at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunset and Sounds, May 14 at Bay Club

NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I

None

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

Changes made to Primary and Intermediate schools Science Fair

- All K-3 classes will develop a single project wherein **all** students will be taught the scientific process of scientific inquiry and research. Students will then present to classmates and parents.
- Grade 4-6 students will develop independent projects started at school, facilitated by their classroom teachers, and completed at home.
- Our goal is to ensure **all** students develop the skills of scientific inquiry and the appreciation for learning by doing.

NEW BUSINESS

None

FUTURE MEETING: May 31, 2016

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 Angela Whitfield and Keith Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.