

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

May 31, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on May 31, 2016 at the Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Committee Members:

N. Allard, Suzette Biagi, Dr. Kenneth Card, Theresa Duffy, Keith Meyers, Rae Montesano, Edith Pulizzotto, Charlene Fehrenbacher, Nancy Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Keith Meyers and seconded by Suzette Biagi to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of March 8, 2016.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Leaders assembly, dealt with risky behaviors, 5-6 speakers, speaker spoke about eating disorders
- "Screanagers" well attended by parents and kids
- Relay for Life
- Senior Senior Prom, 120 guests
- PTSA presentations by different clubs
- Distracted Driving Texting presentation
- Parent Resources on eBoard

Finley Middle School

No representative

Woodhull Intermediate School

- Career Day, Friday, May 27th, full day event; students selected the presentation they wanted to attend. Great success!!

Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School

- Survey to current 7th graders to find out about their year and experiences at JA STEM Magnet School
- Review of Agenda Book for 2016/2017
- Focus remains on vocabulary instruction
- Guest Speakers – STEM Employment Opportunities
 - Jamie Hebert
 - Brian Davis
 - Officer Drew
- Academic and Parent Academy Nights
- Wednesday, June 1 – Rollercoaster Night

Flower Hill Primary School

- International Night – tied into the upcoming 2016 Summer Olympics. Each class will represent one of the participating countries
- Third graders will have a visit from current 12 grade students

Jefferson Primary School

- Jefferson Primary Handbook finalized and will be ready for distribution at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year
- Field trips – Thanks to PTA students have enjoyed many field trips this spring:
 - Theater in Northport
 - American Museum of Natural History in NYC
 - Hoyt Farm
 - Bethpage Restoration Village
- Upcoming Events:
 - Schoolwide vocabulary parade
 - Last “SPOT” assembly of the year celebrating students caught being safe, respectful and responsible for the month of June
 - PTA sponsored dance party
 - Grade-level year end celebrations
 - Kindergarten Orientation
 - Visitations by and to UPK
 - Send-off for 4th graders

Southdown Primary School

- Focus on increasing parent engagement
- Grade 3 & 4 Survey
- Parent Survey to parents
- Mascot - the Dolphin painted on the playground
- Lip-synch recently completed
- Dual Language Fiesta coming up in June
- Beach Day
- Student Council will do a beach clean-up prior to the Beach Day event.
- High school students visit to speak about sportsmanship
- Monthly newsletter frequency will increase
- Physical Ed teacher, Mr. Adam Sherrard, received via Donors Choose - Fitbit

Washington Primary School

- PARP – February 2016, Under the Water Theme, librarian invited Members of the Board and Central Administration to participate
- Focusing on increasing parent participation at events
- Caroline Day Care Program for students, students walked to the site with the aid of the Suffolk County Police Department – Officer Drew
- Revamping Field Day to increase parental participation

PTA

No Representative

SEPTA

- Original Artwork Fundraiser in the Fall, great support from Ms. Neville and Southdown
- Fundraiser in May was very successful
- Bike program being held at Finley Middle School
- Three seniors will receive scholarship from SEPTA
- The following personnel have been nominated for the Distinguished Service Award: Catherine Fede, Frances Orelli and Phyllis Sadusky

NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I

- Funded six Reading Teaches
- Nancy Allard explained the formula used to determine Title I eligibility
 - State Ed now feeds school districts with information related to free and reduced lunch eligibility
- Funds used to support Parent Math Nights and several programs at Finley Middle School
- There has been changes to the consolidated grant, Title I and III will be combined

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

2015/16 Goals

- Percentage of teachers participating in inter-visitation of ELA and Math classrooms will increase from 3% to about 10 to 15% during the 2015/2016 school year as measured by completion logs submitted through My Learning Plan at the end of each quarter (October 2015, January 2016, April 2016, and June 2016).
- Percentage of professional development offerings in the area of students' social and emotional developmental health needs (SEDH) will increase from 2% of total professional development offerings in 2014/2015 to 15% of the offered professional development activities in 2015/2016 that are offered to teachers and administrators.
- Teachers and administrators in both Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 will participate in Data Articulation Meetings at grade level in the elementary schools and by departments at the secondary level to identify gaps in student learning from the previous assessment cycle. The information derived from the data analysis will inform teacher curriculum planning for the initial 6 weeks of instruction to ensure student weaknesses are addressed as new content is being presented to students during September and October 2015. (Achieved)
- By the end of August 2015, middle school Math, Science, and Technology teachers will develop at least two (only one completed) interdisciplinary units of instruction to support the students transitioning from the STEM School and students from Woodhull Intermediate who have not previously been exposed to STEM teaching and learning activities that are inquiry based opportunities.

- By May 1, 2016, the percentage of teachers incorporating a differentiated instruction approach in their classrooms should be at or about 75% of the total teaching staff K-12 in the Huntington Union Free School district as determined through the use of the district Focus Walk protocol.
- By the end of the school year, June 2016, at least 50% of the district's staff will participate in professional development activities on SEDH through the Master Teacher online tutorial program and as a result of such participation, there should be a 5 to 15% drop in student discipline referrals and student suspensions district-wide.
- By January 2016, the district will develop a Family/Parent Involvement and Engagement Strategic Plan with goals and objectives that will be shared with all community agencies, families/parents and community partners to ensure we are working together to support student achievement, and preparing students for college and career readiness.

Other Updates

- Educational Development Committee Approvals
 - Science Fusion textbook adoption for grade 4
 - Spanish textbook Realidades adoption, first textbook adoption since 2002
 - Foundations expansion from K-1 to Grade 2
 - Expansion of CCLS Math Modules to Grade 5
 - Reactivation of previously approved course – Introduction to Computer Science
 - Each of these items will be included on the upcoming BOE agenda for approval.
- Summer Reading packets were sent home today by the elementary schools. Middle and High Schools will distribute by the end of this week or next week.

Meeting dates for 2016/17 School Year

- Thursday, October 6, 2016
- Tuesday, December 6, 2016
- Tuesday, March 7, 2017
- Tuesday, May 30, 2017

NEW BUSINESS

None

FUTURE MEETINGS: Thursday, October 6, 2016; Tuesday, December 6, 2016; Tuesday, March 7, 2017; Tuesday, May 30, 2017

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 Nancy Allard and Keith Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.