

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

**October 17, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the District shared Decision committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on October 17, 2017 at the Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY.

**ATTENDEES**

District Shared Committee Members:

Nancy Allard, Heather Barfuss, Carol Coffey, Theresa Duffy, Kim Gilroy, Jill Johanson, E. Lopez (Parent SEPTA), Keith Meyers, Donna Moro, Wendy Naborre, Marsha Neville, Paula Nickerson, Melody Renick, Diana Rich, Brian Stellato

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Melody Renick and seconded by Carol Coffey to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision committee meeting of May 30, 2017.

**REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS**

**Huntington High School**

- To create a multifaceted Parent Academy for parents on April 17, 2018 Presentations will be in English and Spanish.
  - Parent Portal usage
  - Mindfulness and Stress
  - Opioid usage prevention
  - Test preparation
  - Stress reduction
  - From 6-9 pm, dinner served
- Survey will be sent to parents in November
- Review of surveys in December
- January survey teachers
- February and March preparation for programs
- End of year reflect on programs

**Finley Middle School**

- Reflect on current character education
- Focus on human relations (tolerance, discrimination, life of others)
- Speakers
- Evaluation will be a reflection on Parent Night

### **Woodhull Intermediate School**

- Goal to implement Journeys Reading Program
- Goal to increase home/school communication
- Have 2 parent events
- Events will be parent/student workshops
- Woodhull Book Fair during workshops
- Assessment done by attendance
- Encourage ENL parents with translation via head phones
- Career day will happen again
- Connect Ed messages in Spanish will be sent home

### **Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School**

- Character Education goals – Have students understand a character trait each month and focus will be on having students exhibit these traits.
- Parent engagement – Increasing social media to get all parents involved
- Family Character Education Nights each month - Instead of homework, students will be encouraged to discuss with parents the character trait of the month

### **Flower Hill**

- Maximize home school communications
- Activities in Station Library and JASM not just at Flower Hill
- Conduct parent survey
- Create peaceful learning skills through interdisciplinary clubs and different nights, outdoor classroom
- Makerspace and Tinker boxes

### **Jefferson**

- Goal by June 2018 to increase parent engagement by 50%
- Thursday – Dinner and Babysitting Night – 10/19/17
  - Visual
  - Food Allergies
  - No silly questions
- Involving parents in leadership teams/safety patrol

### **Southdown**

- Maximize home school connection
  - Writers workshop - fun ways to incorporate writing
  - Family reflection night (No homework – sit and have a conversation)
  - Conduct family survey
- Goal to have STEM and STEAM activities
  - During recess and expand into classroom
  - Create a makerspace
  - Review of kinesthetic classroom
  - Twitter account

## **Washington**

- BPAA – Building Positive Actions and Attitudes
- Character Education different trait each month - A Superhero theme
- Monthly “No Homework” family time night on monthly character traits
- 100% contact with parents conferences
- Parent workshop Math night/Connecting with PTA

## **SEPTA**

- New motto, “I Stand with SEPTA”, to reach out to all parents
- Survey was sent out – Parents want connection, support and presentations
- Coffee talks on:
  - October 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM – SEPTA at Flower Hill
  - November 28, 2017 at 7:30 AM – Behavior Analysis presentation on Organization at Finley Middle School
- All teachers can join SEPTA
- All teachers can apply for a grant but need to be a member.
  - Art to Remember Fundraiser for holidays - Children do art work during school

## **NANCY ALLARD, TITLE I REPORT**

- Consolidated Application has been approved
- Title I will continue to fund Title I reading and math teachers in 5 Title I buildings
- Meet the Reading Teacher Night scheduled for November 2, 2017 at JASM from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## **BETH MCCOY**

- Neighborhood aides bring parents into schools
- Makers spaces for each library
- After school reading programs
- Pilot and adopt a Journeys reading program
- Administration meeting about equality issues to bring everyone up
- New science standards adopted
- Science committee
- Science support to have High School teachers to help on elementary levels
- Implementing Journeys summer, half day Professional Development sessions
- November 27th and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 parent program on Journeys
- STEM activities on Wednesdays

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No Report

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** December 5, 2017, March 6, 2018, May 29, 2018

We will be starting promptly at 4:00 PM. Duration of the meeting will be approximately one hour. Members must be members of the Shared Decisions Committee in their school. Please make sure an alternate is chose to attend these meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Donna Moro and Melody Renick to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.