



## Huntington Union Free School District District-wide Shared Decision Making Regular Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

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The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on March 6, 2019 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, N.Y.

### **ATTENDEES:**

Nancy Allard, Valeria Capitulo-Saide, Allison Capewell, Allison Conlon, Nancy Conlon, Theresa Duffy, Jill Johanson, Lucia Laguarda, Wendy Naborre, Edie Pulizzotto, Diana Rich, Michelle Richards, Brian Stellato, Soraya Triessl

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Edith Pulizzotto and seconded by Nancy Allard to approve the minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of December 5th, 2018

### **REPORT FROM SCHOOLS:**

#### **Huntington High School**

- K Factor on March 1<sup>st</sup> - Raised money for “Rachel Dance for the Cure Fund”
- Presentation from Northwell Health - “Stop the Bleed” coordinated through the Special Education Dept.
  - Hands on presentation - free program - well received from teachers and staff
- March 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm Dress code review - Forum to discuss further with parents, students, and faculty

#### **Finley Middle School**

- December 21 - Human Relations Day - Students participated in various team building exercises - positive response from Faculty and students
- David Flood - Motivational Speaker, presentation to students, connected well with students to look beneath the skin and show compassion to others
- 8th grade trip to the Holocaust Memorial underway, students reporting that the trip is moving and insightful

#### **Woodhull Intermediate School**

- Ama Kariari-Yawson - Presentation to students
- Looking for ways to connect further with parents
- Mary Poppins - School Production was great success
- Student Council Spirit Week is upcoming
- Wendy Bonilla - a teacher will be setting up and delivering a parent workshop
- February - Random Acts of Kindness

- Stanford Harmony - successful rollout

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

- Rohan Murphy presentation
- Greenkill trip was successful
- Tech night and Invention Convention was held and very well attended
- Science Fair Night- great turnout
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - Variety show
- Hall of Science visit coming into the school to support classroom teaching
- Hofstra visit planned to see the Robotics Club
- Lego League team - won 2nd place for best design in island-wide competition
- Character Education Week - upcoming

### **Flower Hill Primary School**

- College Awareness Day - possibly looking at more buildup for the lower grades
- January - Great Kindness Challenge - Teacher received kindness kits to increase acts of kindness, Monday Mindfulness, Spirit Week for Kindness,
- Math Night - upcoming in March - teachers will run stations

### **Jefferson Primary School**

- Winter song fest
- After school reading program
- New makerspace - kids are rotating in by grades, positive feedback from staff and students
- January 9<sup>th</sup> - PTA meeting
- National Hat day was celebrated school wide
- Bingo Night was well attended and moved to the gym this year
- Great Kindness Challenge - Led by PBIS committee, hearts were collected from kindness acts at home
- Raised money for American Heart Association
- SEL-Stanford Harmony was presented at PTA meeting by teachers
- Bowtie and Tiaras Dance well attended and feedback was good
- 100th Day of School - collected over 800 items for donation to family service league
- PARP- Reach for the Stars, Reading is Out of This World- visit to Star Lab scheduled
- School trip to Vanderbilt Planetarium planned and funded by PTA
- Jaguar Jamboree- reading night
- Family Fitness Night - upcoming, first time school is hosting this event
- Jefferson Lego Junior Team - 2nd and 3rd grade won awards - led by Luz Marotta

### **Southdown Primary School**

- Kindergarten will be announcing the weather as part of the daily announcements
- Pancake breakfast scheduled in March – duct taping Mr. Oshrin. SDM decided to do it at the school this year. Usually is done at Applebee's.
- Makerspace update – Teachers going in by grade level on a monthly rotation, students and staff are really enjoying the experiences

- We are going to work to resurrect the garden in the spring. Mrs. Anderson will head that up with the PTA.
- Variety show 3/22 – Talent show and Lip Sync combined event

### **Washington Primary School**

- 100<sup>th</sup> Day- Collected items for Helping Hands mission in collaboration with other schools
- Parent Curriculum table set up in lobby - different subject areas are highlighted monthly
- Parent Portal table at Family Night to offer parents information on accessing the portal
- SEL - being implemented with positive feedback from staff
- Black History - Jazz spotlights 30 seconds of music daily during morning announcements
- Women's History Month- spotlight on women music played daily on morning announcements
- Beautification Committee- discussions underway
- Partner with Island harvest to create fruit and vegetable garden
- PARP month - March 1<sup>st</sup> kick off - Camp Read Some More
- Family Night - March 11<sup>th</sup> - Campout Scavenger Hunt STEM and Literacy based
- Star Lab visits as wrap up for PARP
- Spirit Week will be a part of the PARP monthly celebration

### **SEPTA**

- Sunset on the Bay Fundraiser - May 18<sup>th</sup>
- SEPTA grants being reviewed - approval will be in April
- Next Meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Title Funds**

- Funding many of the parental activities in buildings
- Funding the after school programs and materials
- Funding of AIS math and reading teachers for at risk students
- Title IIA - funds coaches for teachers and many PD opportunities
- Title IV - funding student support and enrichment programs
- Consolidated Applications - higher level of accountability

### **Report from Beth McCoy**

- All elementary buildings will transition to AIMS PLUS
- Likely shift at secondary level in Math - conversations are underway
- Cultural Proficiency PD will be provided as an introduction to the topic for all staff
- 3 day PowerPoint presentation on cultural diversity will be delivered at building principal description
- Possibility of offering more PD/training session to all staff on Cultural Proficiency
- Survey being sent to all teachers to gather more information on PD needs to enhance their teaching
- Instructional coaches and tech mentors are doing outstanding job of supporting staff
- Pilot in progress for ST MATH in grades 3 and 4 - as possible new app to be added to clever, a wordless math game that builds on independent students' progress at individual rate and pace

- Huntington Arts Council- encourage buildings to have speakers come in to present, cultural kits available, and PD opportunities are available to staff
- Digital Portfolio- Committee meeting to discuss findings in grades 4,6,7,9

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Future Meetings:** May 29, 2019

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Brian Stellato and seconded by Valerie Capitulo-Saide to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Theresa Duffy