

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SHARED DECISION COMMITTEE
HUNTINGTON U.F.S.D.**

OCTOBER 12, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Decision Committee Members:

Nancy Wilson, Nancy Allard, Rae Montesano, Margaret Evers, John Amato, Kim Myers Bender, Scott Armyn, Donna Blair, Dominique Stanley, Betsy Giamo, Joe Obermaier, Cathy Ribando, Pam Fallon, Tom DiGiacomo, Marilyn Maggio, Don Kiley, Chris Bene, Dr. Kenneth A. Card, Jr.

Guests: David Grackin, Christine Kunmann and Oscar Giraldo (Whitsons)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Dr. Kenneth A. Card, Jr. and seconded by Chris Bene to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of June 2, 2011, which were read, modified and approved and will be sent to the Board of Education.

PRESENTATION BY WHITSON'S, DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE

Dave Grackin, Assistant Superintendent
Oscar Giraldo, Nutrition Consultant
Christine Kunmann, Whitson Representative

- There are five (5) components of our lunch program.
 - Protein: Meat or Meat Alternative
 - Grains/Bread
 - Vegetables
 - Fruits
 - Milk 1% or less
- A discussion followed about grade school and secondary school serving size.
- Breakfast at HHS starts at 7:00 a.m. and closes after announcements. Will serve student with dean or assistant until 9:30 a.m.
- Oscar will be happy to attend any PTA meeting to discuss the lunch program.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP)
- Increase Attendance - will be working with students and parents. Please address at Primary Schools and Finley Middle School.
- Introduction of Community Service – Mr. Levy will be working through the 9th Grade English Classes with a five-hour requirement. There will be themes in classroom.
- ESL/GED – starting program in house. BOCES no longer available.

Finley Middle School

- Review ELA and Math Scores
- Build Homework and grading practice
- New Common Core Learning

Woodhull Intermediate School

- Shift to Common Core Curriculum – monthly theme.
- Measurable performance in student – thinking about incentives
- Improve public perception –
 - ~Display work about town (i.e. Empty store fronts)
 - ~Articles in newspapers
 - ~Email gathering
 - ~ Make school website homepage

Flower Hill Primary School

- Report

Jefferson Primary School

- Focus on goals – Action Plan
- Extended instruction in classroom not meeting with great success
- Buddy program from older grades in school and from HHS
- Guide Book – How to build together
- Focus on ELA results – what does data mean and what data helps

Southdown Primary School

- Improve Academics – making sub-committees – members from the Shared Decision Team working on other committees for continuity
- School Culture
 - Green Team, 3 Be's, Coco House – Performance, Art and Literature Magazine, Beautification
- Communication – School and PTA
- 4th Grade Committee – preparing grade to move into Woodhull.
- Website submissions – for entire school – box in lobby

Washington Primary School

- Community Push

REPORT FROM SEPTA

- Does not have goal
- Had their first meeting with Dr. V. Mingin
- Sponsored Film Festival – bring children with needs together
- Grant Deadline 12/15/11

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

- Initiatives – to have awareness in building of Common Core Standards
- Math – Primary counting up to 20, fundamental throughout grade level
- ELA – increasing text complexity, 50/50 information text and non fiction
- Differentiated Instruction
- APPR – implementation, framework for teaching
- Professional Development – Response to Intervention (RTI)
- What is best for all children

REPORT FROM NANCY ALLARD – TITLE ONE

- Five schools receive federal funds. (Finley, Woodhull, Jefferson, Southdown, Washington)
- Parent Nights K-6 – Meet the Reading Teacher
Woodhull, October 26, 6:30pm
- Woodhull – School in Need of Improvement (Year 1, Focused)
- Finley – Corrective Action (Year 2, Focused)
- Supplemental Education Services (SES), transportation not given
- Will be having a Provider Fair on election day and day after for those eligible

NEW BUSINESS

- Parent Portal – HHS Only
 - ~Class assignments
 - ~Attendance
 - ~Progress reports
 - ~Grades
- Don Kiley and Tom DiGiacomo will be Co-Chairpersons of this committee.

ACTION ITEMS

- Next year, Bi-Annual Recertification Report Due
 - ~Must look over Board policy and regulations.
 - ~Presentation to the Board of Education in February.

NEXT MEETING

December 14th at 4:00 p.m., Jack Abrams School Library

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Dr. Kenneth A. Card, Jr. and seconded by Chris Bene to adjourn the meeting. At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.