

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

MARCH 12, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on March 12, 2013 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:

Lauren Amendola, Scott Armyn, Chris Bene, Suzette Biagi, Dr. Card, Carol Coffey, Pam Fallon, Kimberly Finneran, Jim Lauter, Susanne Millner, Rae Montesano, Edith Pulizzotto, Cathy Ribando, Nancy Wilson, Bari Fehrs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Pam Fallon and seconded by Suzie Biagi to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of December 11, 2012.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Regular meeting scheduled for tomorrow
- Culture and climate in the building – survey voluntary and anonymous
Will have access on website
- President of PTSA setting up Etiquette PowerPoint Presentation
 - How to treat each other/formal lunch
- Awaiting state visit
- Relay for Life – May
- Black History assembly in evening – well attended
- Fundraiser – the “K” Factor – proceeds go to Relay for Life
- Chest tables for Library

Finley Middle School

- State Assessments
Looking over statistics / Where do we fall among area schools?
- Programs - Proceeding with ELA/Math Labs/Read 180/Saturday Institute/Plus5/Plus 10
- Parent Involvement – Understanding Common Core – Parent University
- Next year – Weekly progress reports for struggling students

Woodhull Intermediate

- Green Initiative Assembly – Ms. Cuthbertson's office and Student Council collaborative. Collecting items to be recycled - should be in full swing by end of year.
- Parent Brochure – Subcommittee meeting about Common Core Language
- Public Relations – Getting word out to media
- Parent Workshop – Ms. Klein and Mr. Lowe presentation
 - What to expect at Finley
- Help fourth grade transition to fifth grade

Flower Hill Primary School

- PARP Kick Off – Starting with guest reader: Bobby Nystrom, ending with Clark Gillies. Students can earn points for going to the Library.
- April 11th – Math Night
- May – Curriculum Night – display work
- Beautification – Outside gardens – Fictional characters being painted outside of classrooms
- Next meeting – March 20, 2013

Jefferson Primary School

- Fluency Night – bilingual
Reading and math, explained Common Core.
Workshop – Make and Take (PTA very helpful)
 - Math – Multiplication games
 - Reading – How to read with kids at home
 - About 45 parents attended
- Shared Decision – had survey – possible workshop earlier in year

Southdown Primary School

No report

Washington Primary School

- Parent Involvement – Movie night for kids
- Parent University – Dr. Lewinski
- Tech information for parents
- Spanish translation at PTA – seeing more involvement
- Using last period of day at grade level with students at same level for help
- Mentoring Program for fourth grade helping younger grades

RAE MONTESANO - Chairperson of Science and Technology

- eBoard – She will set it up within 24 hours. Working on adding grades
- Book - Beyond the Bake Sale - How to engage parents
 - What they can do at school and what you can do at home (Great information)

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

- STEM – Grant submitted – should hear by middle of June
Inquiry based classroom / Cooperative learning / Create a model for entire
Huntington School classrooms.
- VAP - Virtual Advance Placement Grant– 2 year grant
Restrictive.
 1. Meeting with students. Phasing in.
 2. Look up Virtual Florida or Virtual Virginia –
Online course before graduation from HS on state level
 3. Flip Classroom – At home look at video, next day in classroom have
discussion
 4. IPAD – Show Me – Follow math, ELA, history, social studies
 5. Can watch video over and over
- Parent University – April 22nd – Finley M.S. and HS
Babysitting? Student could get community service.
Using “Engage NY” as model.
Program and Workshop – Scholastic Book Sale – will have Summer Reading
Books.
Advertising – Website, email, facebook, teacher reminder, flyer with tear off
- The State wants guidance for parents explaining new test on common core and
possibility of lower scores. The Superintendent and Dr. Card working on
presentation to the BOE and Parents.

**Next Meeting: May 28, 2013 at 4:00pm
Jack Abrams Library**

**We will be starting promptly at 4:00pm. Duration of meeting: approximately one
hour. Members must be participating in the Shared Decision Committee in their
school. Please make sure an alternate is chosen to attend this district meeting.**