

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

**October 7, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on October 7, 2014 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

District Shared Committee Members:

Nancy Allard, Christine Biernacki, Suzette Biagi, Dr. Kenneth Card, Carol Coffey, Suzanne Dinehart, Patrice Monks, Rae Montesano, Edith Pulizzotto

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Rae Montesano and seconded by Edith Pulizzotto to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of May 27, 2014.

**REPORT FROM SCHOOLS**

**Huntington High School**

- Suzi Biagi shared the HS SDM goals for the year. She also shared the Huntington High School Parent Survey; Call for Parent Presenters and Parent Academy flyer.
- Parent academies are scheduled for 10/29/14 and 2/3/15. Registration is happening through eBoards and by paper and pencil in English and Spanish.
- Community walks are scheduled for 10/27/14 at 8 p.m. (Manor Field), 10/28/14 from 5-7 p.m. at **YDA** and 11/9/14 after the Spanish Mass at St. Hugh's.
- HHS has seen a smooth start to the school year. Mrs. Pulizutto seconded that.
- Mrs. Pulizutto shared concerns regarding the HHS summer reading list. Dr. Card stressed the importance of summer reading.
- Members of the Huntington High School AWOD will help with gift wrapping at the **TriCYA** in December.

**Finley Middle School**

Not Present

**Woodhull Intermediate School**

Not Present

### **Jack Abrams Stem Magnet School**

- 2014-2015 Goals were developed:
  - Provide opportunities for parents/students to participate in STEM activities outside of school days
  - Implement Character Education Program
  - Academic vocabulary development
  - Parent Workshop on October 30, 2014

### **Flower Hill Primary School**

Not Present

### **Jefferson Primary School**

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held to discuss yearly goals
- This year each classroom will start the day with a morning meeting
- PBIS will continue this year. The school is implementing a traffic light system for behavior building wide. This will roll out in November.
- Back to School night focused on ways parents can help their child(ren) with reading and math
- 1<sup>st</sup> Parent University already occurred and was successful

### **Southdown Primary School**

- Lots of community building events occurring in order for parents to meet the new principal
- Southdown started the year with a Block Party
- Harvest Festival has been scheduled
- PTA/Principal will pick a book each month. All classrooms will get a copy of the book.
- Ice bucket challenge happened at SD
- Translators have been at all meetings, which has been helpful.
- "Splash" assemblies have been happening
- Hispanic Heritage Month activities are being planned
- Reviews of the emergency plans are occurring

### **Washington Primary School**

- Harvest hoedown scheduled
- Ice bucket challenge happened
- Building SDM team meeting scheduled for next week

### **SEPTA:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> graders will see a movie about students with disabilities in October.

## **NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I**

- Meet the Reading Teacher scheduled for October 22, 2014
- Parent Portal still being rolled out

## **REPORT FROM DR. CARD**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receiving Chromebooks
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders receiving Chromebooks
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders at STEM receiving Chromebooks
- Chromebooks have “the cloud” which helps with storage and updating. It allows teachers to share data easily.
- There are funds to purchase Chromebooks for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, but logistics need to be worked out.
- NYSED has given HUFSD approval to do an infrastructure upgrade
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> a referendum will be on the ballot for a technology bond for NY State that will give the District 1.4 million dollars for additional infrastructure upgrades.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** December 9, 2014, March 10, 2015, May 26, 2015

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 Carol Coffey and seconded by Nancy Allard to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.