

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

December 6, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on December 6, 2016 at the Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Committee Members:

John Amato, Dr. Kenneth Card, Carol Coffey, Theresa Duffy, Jim Lauter, Keith Meyers, Marsha Neville, Melissa Ryan, Brian Stellato, Nancy Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Nancy Wilson and seconded by Melissa Ryan to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of October 6, 2016.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

Principal Advisory Council

- Students suggested announcing faculty birthdays
- November Meeting
 - Discussed new event for the Spring – “Academic Pep Rally”
 - Focus on Honor Societies doing a skit
 - Club activity fair during the Pep Rally

Finley Middle School

- Meeting on November 30, 2016
- Goal Setting
 - 100% of parents registered on Parent Portal April 2017
 - Mindfulness in education – about getting kids involved focusing on meditation using breathing exercises

Woodhull Intermediate School

- Book Fair
- Hour of Coding, Kidoyo – Students are doing coding on their Chromebooks
- Parents participated in a workshop on coding with their student
- This week is National Coding Week
- Presentation by students at Board of Education Meeting
- Planning underway by the Shared Decision Team to do a Career Day, March 10, 2017

- May 2017
 - Science/Math Workshop Night
 - Stations will be set up for students to engage

Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School

No representatives

Flower Hill Primary School

- Parent Workshop – Math, Language Arts, Mental Health & Wellness
- December – conducting a toy drive
- “Flower Hill Cares” – month of January, children will wear blue and white
- End of Year – Multicultural Night

Jefferson Primary School

- Book Fair, Literacy, Holiday Boutique, Math Family Fun Night – all held on the same night – November 29, 2016
- Safety Patrol – Working on deputizing students. The students must apply for the position.
- Beams of Light – highlight things that are happening in the school that’s positive
- Working on developing responsibility among students

Southdown Primary School

- December – Kindness, competition between grades – “Acts of Kindness” – Teachers, parents, students and administration can nominate
- PTA purchased “Buddy Benches”
 - Student council modeled how to use via skits at Splash Assembly
- Physical Ed Teachers – speaking at upcoming PTA meeting about healthy life styles
 - Aligned to the goal of building a kinesthetic learning environment
- Purchase of equipment for the kinesthetic classroom
- Bus Buddy Program – 4th graders are assigned to younger students to play games or tutor to foster relationships
- Random Acts of Kindness – Each class has been assigned a staff member in the building or district

Washington Primary School

- Safety Patrol is up and running
- Leadership Team going to Carillon Nursing Home – they will do a talent show
- Parent Survey – distributed at Parent Teacher Conference
 - One third of parents reported not having internet connection
 - Parents interested in visiting classrooms

PTA

Reconfiguration – Lots of questions being asked at PTA meetings that are being visited by the Superintendent

SEPTA

- Art to Remember – Director of Fine and Performing Arts interested and supportive of reintroducing the program
- SEPTA Grant applications due in February
- Transition Fair being coordinated at the high school

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- Meeting the Reading Teacher Night in October
- Parent Portal training for elementary parents
- Foreign Language / ENL secondary teachers trained to teach parents how to use the portal

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

Goals –

- Expand opportunities for student writing at the elementary level through Writers Workshop
- Provide high quality PD to support teaching and learning of linguistically and ethnically diverse students
- Focus on Content Area Literacy Instruction

NEW BUSINESS

No Report

FUTURE MEETINGS: Tuesday, March 7, 2017; Tuesday, May 30, 2017

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 John Amato and Nancy Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.