



**Huntington Union Free School District**  
**District-Wide Shared Decision Making Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2022**

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**OPENING MEETING:**

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2022 virtually via Zoom conference. A motion made by Melissa Stark and seconded by Valerie Capitulo-Saide to begin the meeting.

**ATTENDEES:**

Nancy Allard, Jill Amott-Erwig, Lauren Biscardi, Suzi Biagi, Valerie Capitulo-Saide, Carmen DiBartolomeo, Vincenza Caruso, Jennifer Gregory, Sarrit Haik, Lucia Laguarda, Beth McCoy, Tracey McManus, Edith Pulizzotto, Debra Ravo, Diana Rich, Michelle Richards, Eric Rubin-Perez, Cathie Schaeffer, Melissa Stark

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion made by Lucia Laguarda and seconded by Sarrit Haik to approve the minutes of the District Shared Decision Making Committee meeting of 3/2/2022.

**REPORT FROM STAKEHOLDERS:**

***Washington Primary School (Michelle Richards)***

- Goal was to engage parents in various capacities. Accomplished with parent workshops, material sent home, staff liaisons
- Currently reviewing school-parent compact. Want to use this document to help make goals for next year
- Surveying parents to see topics they would like for next year
- No Place for Hate initiative will be investigated for the 22/23 school year

***Southdown Primary School (Jill Amott-Erwig)***

- 'Grateful for You' event to show appreciation to the PTA scheduled for June
- Using part of our building action plan to set SDM goals for next year

***Jefferson Primary School (V. Capitulo-Saide/C. Schaeffer/J. Gregory/E. Rubin-Perez)***

- Goal this year was to focus on building a positive relationship between our families and staff
- Accomplished with Welcoming Committee and Parent buddies for our new families, parent workshops for our ELL, translated all of the items sent home to families
- 'A Poem in a Pocket' day, Walk for Alzheimer's, Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Dual Language Social, field days this year
- PTA Bingo Night, Spring Fling, Field Day T-Shirts and fundraising efforts
- Mr. Rubin-Perez working with town having an event on June 6 celebrating pride. Inviting district to participate. DEI focuses on all students feeling welcomed and included.

***Flower Hill Primary School (Lucia Laguarda / Debra Ravo)***

- Goals to increase new engagement opportunities for students to increase social and emotional learning experiences. Also, to maximize home to school communication and implementing new culturally responsive strategies.
- PARP, high school softball team created a kickoff video for our event to encourage students to read, evening events at the both library branches, over 1,000 books donated for book swap, Family BINGO Night for dual language
- Kindness Squad are giving out star student awards, welcoming new students with signs and giving tours to new students.
- Science Story Night run by HHS science honor students. Mr. Edwards collected 'Coins for Peru' with his class. Flower Hill participated in a school wide service project by collecting coins. Raised over \$1,000 to help purchase computers for students in Peru.
- PTA hosted Teacher Appreciation for faculty, talent show at FMS,

### ***Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School (Tracey McManus / Sarrit Haik)***

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade had Rollercoaster Night. Built paper rollercoasters during class and showed off their hard work to parents. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Rocket Day,
- Teacher Appreciation Week, ABC Countdown of the last 26 days of the school year, book fair
- House Hero program assembly, No Place for Hate waiting list, Rtl Night, Virtual Art Show
- SEL team will push into classes early in the year in September

### ***Woodhull Intermediate School (Vincenza Caruso)***

- Beautify the school was a goal. Walls were painted blue and white, partnered with student council for quotes to go on the walls, continuing through next year, possibly translate the quotes into other languages on the walls, adding bulletin boards, mural for front entrance
- New swing set outside, parent donated money to repair outside curb and clean up the courtyards,
- Maker Space used by students during lunches, worked on motivation and enrichment with Adam Welcome
- ABC Countdown, Science Expo, 'A World of Difference' is coming back

### ***Finley Middle School (Carmen DiBartolomeo / Lauren Biscardi)***

- One of our goals was to build student-teacher relationships
- Implemented restorative circles, had a building-wide restorative circle during homeroom, added an advisory period to our day to continue with the circles once a month for teachers and students to share and reflect together
- 'On A Roll' program acknowledging students who have increased their average. Currently have over 50 students being honored.
- Mentoring program. Paired up selected students with teacher volunteers (not a teacher of the student). The assigned teacher meets with their assigned student on a weekly basis one period each week. They talk, share and build a supportive relationship.
- Book Fair, 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, faculty fundraiser volleyball game
- Google Survey for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students asking concerns they have for transitioning into middle school.

### ***Huntington High School (Edie Pulizzotto / Suzi Biagi)***

- Working on the Business Connection plan, No Homework Nights in the community.
- Spring concerts were phenomenal, Musical 42<sup>nd</sup> Street was amazing, Mock Trial Team are Suffolk County Champions and are going to state finals,
- Grand Friend had a senior prom at Sunrise Adult Living Center, had a band and chef make the food, and had a prom king and queen.
- K Factor, teachers made a video that is so ridiculous and embarrassing,
- AWAD training, has been working with Woodhull

- Expanding Freshman Seminar training seven more teachers this summer, meeting with the kids quarterly

### ***PTA (No Report)***

### ***SEPTA (Diana Rich)***

- Unable to have the 'Sunset on the Sounds' fundraiser. Instead had fundraiser at Reveal in the village. Casual event with raffles. Raised a nice amount of money.
- Yoga Night at last meeting,
- On the SEPTA member hub, you can sponsor an ESY (Extended School Year) student. Provides enrichment activities during the summer. Brought in Mad Science, traveling plays, petting zoo. Purchased gift cards for older students to go out into community and work on life skills, travel training and transition activities.
- Sponsor a Senior at HHS
- Distinguished Service Award application was due. Working on the awards for Special Ed staff.

### ***Title Funds/Grants (Nancy Allard)***

- Starting to plan for grant funding for next year. Posts grant information on her eBoard over the summer.
- Need signatures from parents, teachers, PTA Council and SEPTA committees for NYSED.
- Grants funding RtI teachers, Parental Engagement, teacher trainings, home visits, work the librarians are doing, Freshman Seminar

### ***Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction (Beth McCoy)***

- Applying for another grant through the Office of Mental Health, \$500k per year for 5 years, Mrs. Rich has taken the lead on the grant writing. Three main goals for the grant is to:
  - expand a CBO (community based organization) partnership, which is a requirement. Looking to expand relationship with Family Service League, hire additional social workers to support the needs of the students
  - create a resource packet that we can hand to families that has a list of materials and resources that are available for them with regard to support they may need outside of the school district.
  - implement the advisory period into the high school and provide training for teachers, purchase materials for teachers.
- We were approved to implement a new diagnostic assessment system at FMS. Will give us more information as to student's needs are, what we need to do to support them into closing any gaps and also challenging them at a higher level.
- Implementing a new elementary math curriculum
- Investigating 'No Place for Hate' for next year

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- No Report

***Future Meetings:*** 22/23 School Year

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Jenna Prada and seconded by Jennifer Gregory to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kisha Fowlkes