

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

May 29, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2012 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, New York. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Decision Committee Members:

Chris Bene, Suzette Biagi, Dr. Kenneth Card, Tom Di Giacomo, Margaret Evers, Pam Fallon, Marilyn Maggio, Cathy Ribando, Nancy Wilson, Bari Fehrs

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 March 14, 2011, which was read, modified and approved.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Community Service for 9th Grade Incoming Freshman
 - By 2016, the student will need 40 hours (10 hours per year). This will not be part of the school day. It will be on their transcript as a pass or fail.
 - Creating a student infomercial to air in hallways
 - eBoard will contain information for where to go for Community Service and different places to track hours will be available
- Mr. Noce giving away prizes for perfect attendance
- School Improvement
 - Dignity Act (Joan Fretz and Georgia McCarthy implementing)
- Decrease inappropriate language

Finley Middle School

- Increased awareness of solid performance on ELA
- Provide parents with ideas on how to increase student reading at home
- Exploring new ways to increase homework completion among at-risk students
- Using lunch period help sessions and student incentive programs

Woodhull Intermediate School

No Report

Flower Hill Primary School

No Report

Jefferson Primary School

- Attained 100% Teacher Conference Attendance
- Student self evaluation for third and fourth grades. Using report card behaviors only. Giving explanation of behavior using a rubric like scale so parent and child truly understand what marks represent.
- Next year - Build a model for parents to understand reports that are sent home and what data clearly means.

Southdown Primary School

No Report

Washington Primary School

- Set up parent meeting for ELA. How to prepare and read results.
- Explain Washington Ways Pamphlet. Parents sign.
- Curriculum Night
- Important to incorporate entire school. Looking into a Grant for earphones to translate. Large Spanish speaking Kindergarten class coming in
- Next year - third and fourth grade leadership

REPORT FROM DR. CARD

K-12 Summer Reading Program

- K-6 / 7-12
- Theme and Questions for Grade Level. One fiction and one non-fiction
- Ten Journal entries for each book
- Due third week into semester
- Turn in journal with a Pass/Fail grade
- Parents engaged through PTA's and website

Summer Reading for "at risk" students

- Twenty students per Grade K-2 per primary school
- Parent Workshops
- Want to help children keep gains during summer

Curriculum Writing

- Asking 40 teachers K-8 to participate in Curriculum Writing project
- Must have Professional Development Course of 10 hours on Common Core Learning Standards

Student Learning Objective Writing

- SLO Student Learning Objectives
- Help develop objectives over the summer. Should know where we are headed.

Pilot Program

- Some teachers had iPads in Primaries. Integrated into instruction. Very effective.

Professional Development

- Joanne Kavanagh, instructional technology district consultant, provided professional development sessions to build teacher capacity to integrate the iPad into their instruction. Can explain difficult concept, useful for homework, etc.

Website

- Dr. Card putting up websites “Apple Education Apps”

PTA

- Parent University being introduced for all PTA’s K-12
Subjects: Bullying, Keeping up with Technology, Vendor Day, Children Not Going to Four Years of College

DATES FOR 2012-2013 MEETINGS:

- October 9
- December 11
- March 12
- May 28

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Dr. Card and seconded by Chris Bene to adjourn the meeting. At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

(The May 29, 2012 Shared Decision Making Minutes was approved at the Shared Decision Making Committee Meeting held on October 9, 2012.)