

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

**December 11, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on December 11, 2012 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 Committee Members:

Nancy Allard, Scott Armysn, Chris Bene, Suzette Biagi, Dr. K. Card, Jr., Carol Coffey, Pam Fallon, Kimberly Finneran, Cathy Ribando

Guests: James Polansky

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Suzie Biagi and seconded by Pam Fallon to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of October 9, 2012.

**REPORT FROM SCHOOLS**

**Huntington High School -**

- New bullying group run by Rob Gillmore, meets every other week
- Safer community in school
- Natural helpers
- World of difference
- Inappropriate language in hallways – to be addressed
- Mock demo for business – talking about manners and refining behavior

**Finley Middle School**

- Teacher survey for at risk students – What were good programs?
- Increase Common Core knowledge
- Extra help labs in ELA and Math, Reading, Writing, more one on one
- Principal gave out statistics to SD committee. Multiple children in sub groups
- Homework help at lunchtime hard with team meetings.

**Woodhull Intermediate School**

- New parent members explained their roll
- Looked over goals
- Need action plan on Common Core awareness
- Revamping handbook
- New brochure for Woodhull
- Green goal – working with Student Government on reusable water bottles

## **Flower Hill Primary School**

No Report

## **Jefferson Primary School**

- Goals 1 and 2 incorporated
- Teachers coming in to help with Reading and Math in English and Spanish
- Explain Common Core Information

## **Southdown Primary School**

No Report

## **Washington Primary School**

- Goal 1: Increase Parent Awareness of:  
eSchool, email, teacher/parent contract, class parent utilization, facebook page, eboard, and PTA in English and Spanish.
- Goal 2: Enrichment Period  
Homework help, social skills. Older students becoming leaders for younger students.

## **REPORT FROM NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I**

- Meet the Reading Teacher Elementary  
Gave overview, about 40 parents attended, more Kindergarten parents. The reviews were very positive.
- Parent University – January 8  
Dignity  
Workshop format on Common Core – spring  
“Beyond the Bake Sale” book – How to engage parents in school  
What it looks like in a classroom
- Response to Intervention  
Tier 1 – risk level – small group instruction – 8-week progress  
Tier 2 – pull out small group – progress monitored – second benchmark has good information for faster intervention – more specific to student.  
Universal Screening – spring benchmarks – easier now  
Below average – progress modeling – starts right away – multiple testing for intervention.
- Finley RTI next year  
i-Ready – did in fall  
“Read 1800” more on computer, videos online
- State taken over “At risk”, looking at data and common core

## **REPORT FROM DR. CARD**

- January 7 – **Board Presentation** on Common Core Standards  
Will have on website
  
- **Received two grants**
  1. **STLE Grant – Strengthen Teacher Leader Effectiveness**  
National Board Certification, Intense process, Administrators Harvard
  
  2. **VAP Grant – Virtual Advance Placement**  
Students can participate online, inquiry-based information, appealing to different type of student. PSAT gives report on students who would benefit.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., 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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by N. Allard and seconded by Scott Armyn to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.