

Stonington High School
SBIT Minutes
May 19, 2009

Members Present: S. Murphy, M. Devine, J. Norcross, D. Rea, C. Moore, P. Jeffrey, S. McCarthy, A. Walsh, S. Alfiero-Bavasso, N. Hong.

Meeting started at 5:04 p.m.

I. Reports

A. Minutes: None.

B. Student Report:

As the year winds down, the activities seem to pick up. The sports teams are well on their way to finish and are drawing to a close within the next few weeks. National Honor Society inducted the new members last week and are sponsoring a blood drive this Thursday for the school and community. This weekend they will also be helping out with the finish line for Angel Ride at the Mystic YMCA. A 100 mile charity bike ride throughout CT, where all the funding will go to cancer survivors.

The varsity club successfully held its third Special Olympics at the SHS Athletic Fields. It was a very exciting day with over 200 volunteers from the SHS community.

DECA will be holding an end of the year concert on the Football field featuring Barefoot Truth and SHS's own band, the Panda Bears which includes Jeremy Christian, Eric Whittington, and Chris Hebert.

National Art Honor Society will be sponsoring a Trashin' Fashion show, which will showcase all of the member's own designs with all organic materials.

Lastly, Student Government will be having it's Induction Banquet this Thursday. We will be induction seven new members between the Sophomore and Junior class. We will also be inducting next year's executive board. Student Government will also start planning the Activities Fair for the new Freshman Class coming up in the beginning of June. Activities fair will consist of a variety of clubs and organizations offered at the high school for the upcoming freshman to start to get an idea of what there offered at Stonington. This Friday is also Student Government's leadership day to Block Island, where they will celebrate this year's success and the discuss what can be improve for next year.

C. Effectiveness of Joint SBIT Meeting 4/21/09: J. Norcross stated there was good brainstorming. Good to have maybe 1 to 2 times per year. The BOE had positive feedback. D. Rea suggested maybe next time hold before the Town meeting.

D. Principals's Report:

Accolades to the BBC for having 1st and 2nd place winners on Fox61 News packages. SHS Drama for having 10 nominations in the Spotlight on Broadway with awards to be held at the Garde Arts Center in New London. Special Olympics held May 16 with over 200 student volunteers here at SHS. DECA competitions had 2 winners from SHS. Congrats to the Math Team and lastly for SHS receiving a Robotics Grant.

Hiring: Interviews are being conducted for chemistry and physics teachers.

Budget Impact: Results in larger class sizes next year in Spanish, Math and Science classes.

Dates of Importance: June 23 is Senior Banquet and June 25 is graduation.

E. Student Government Junior Project Presentation: P. Jeffrey explained the project as: making community service hours a requirement to graduate. P. Jeffrey stated that the juniors are not ready to present and still need to do more research and confer with faculty. Might be ready by December meeting. P. Jeffrey encouraged the juniors not to let it drop but continue to see the project through to the end.

II. Visitors' Comments: None.

III. SBIT Comments: A. Walsh reported his Spanish class is fund raising to help build a playground in Honduras. D. Rea stated he likes to hear what is going on at SHS and would like Rob Marseglia to get this information. S. Murphy stated it used to be in the newspaper.

IV. Action: None.

V. Agenda: None.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.