

**Stonington High School**  
**SBIT Minutes**  
**November 16, 2010**

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**Members Present:** C. Chambers, M. Devine, M. Gillick, L. George, J. McCurdy, M. Morgan, S. Mueller, S. Murphy, J. Norcross, A. Walsh, C. Woodman

**Visitors Present:** K. Aiello, D. Banker, W. Blanchette, J. Capozzoli, R. Drake, C. Ferguson, L. Gumbiner, M. Kornacki, S. Johnson, E. MacDonald, L. Michaels, L. Muroi, J. Murphy, A. O'Neill, A. Pelt, K. Toth, F. Zelepos

Meeting called to order: 5:02PM

I. Reports

A. Minutes: approved, no changes

B. Student Report (Claire Chambers, Student Government Vice- President):

- i. The annual Fall Feast was held last Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the Café Commons. Sponsored by Student Government, this event provides a free Thanksgiving dinner and a night of entertainment to honor those who have served or who are currently serving America in the armed forces. Over 150 veterans attended, which was an outstanding turnout and the largest ever in the history of the Fall Feast. Scott Smilnich, a Stonington High School teacher, was this year's guest speaker. Special thanks went out to all of the individuals who made the event such a success. National Honor Society hosted a fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>. Students were encouraged to "think pink" by wearing pink clothing. In home bases, students could buy pink ribbons for \$1, with all proceeds going towards the cause. The home base with the most ribbons at the end of the week won a donut breakfast. In the end, through positive support and generous contributions, NHS earned over \$1,600 to donate to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Next, the SHS Band marched in the Pawcatuck Veteran's Day Parade held on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. This talented band can be heard at the Turkey Day football game, scheduled for Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at Westerly High School. The performance of The Miracle Worker, Stonington High School's Broad Street Bears' fall production, is just around the corner. Show dates are Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm in the Stonington High School auditorium. This year's inspiring production involves over 45 students on and off stage and is directed by Erin-Sousa Stanley. Please come and support the drama students and their hard work to help make this play a success. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Stonington High School office, (860) 599-5781, or at the door prior to each performance. For more information please visit our website at [www.broadstreetbears.com](http://www.broadstreetbears.com). Advanced ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Ticket prices at the door are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Finally, we have some news from the sports teams. The following teams qualified for their state tournament: girls and

boys soccer, field hockey, and girls and boys cross country. In Cross Country, Liz Hutchins was named All-ECCs and placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the division championship and 15<sup>th</sup> in the state meet. The girls' soccer team was champions in the medium division for ECCs. Currently, they are in the playoffs for the state tournament. The field hockey team was also victorious in winning yet another ECC small division champion's title, their 19<sup>th</sup> in the past 20 years. Congratulations to all and a heartfelt note of thanks for all of the coaches, too.

C. BOE Reports (Alisa Morrison): Absent- none given

D. Principal's report (presented by J. McCurdy on behalf of Dr. Stephen Murphy):

i. 2010-2011 Goals:

- Community Partnerships: Superintendent's breakfast forum with community members held at SHS focused on brainstorming possible community-school collaborations. The forum was well attended and opened the door to partnerships with several community organizations including, but not limited to: Mystic Seaport, Westerly Hospital, the Stonington Historical Society, and several credit unions. Overall, participants said the meeting was positive and they expressed interest in follow up discussions.
- Students attending SBIT were asked to provide comment regarding job shadowing program. Several students shared positive experiences and one requested possible opportunities of interest with the Sub base.
- Proposal made to hold a special SBIT meeting, or incorporate into agenda for an upcoming meeting, to invite community members and SHS faculty to discuss collaboration needs and ideas.
- Action: J. McCurdy, Dr. Murphy, and M. Gillick to meet prior to next SBIT to discuss invitations. J. McCurdy mentioned that she would request the Superintendent's Breakfast Forum attendee list to work from.
- Action: encouraged SBIT members and guests to create a list with potential community members/businesses that they think would be willing to offer job shadowing or mentoring services. Please bring list to next meeting

ii. Budget Season:

- Projected staffing needs to be presented to superintendent
- Increase enrollment and interest in Mandarin at Middle School level impacts staffing needs at high school when students matriculate

II. Visitor Comments:

- A. A request was made to recognize Tim Horton business owners, Steve and Cynthia Foster, for their long time commitment and support of SPS and especially, SHS,

before leaving the area. J. McCurdy agreed to follow up and have a letter drafted and sent immediately.

B. Will the ski trip be reinstated?

III. SBIT Comments:

A. There will be a session of Poetry Out Loud to be held at SHS—all invited to attend

B. L. George offered the following Pfizer, Inc. contact information for job shadowing, career day, internships, etc: Ms. Monica Tijerina 860-686-9183. Also, David George, a biologist, is available for science classes. Mr. George may be contacted at work at 860-441-4038.

C. It was unanimously agreed that based upon the past two years, to cancel the December SBIT meeting due to poor attendance.

IV. Action: SBIT members and guests were asked to create a list with potential community members/businesses that they think would be willing to offer job shadowing or mentoring services. Please bring list to next meeting.

V. Agenda: Invite A. Houle from the career center to next SBIT meeting to provide an update regarding job shadowing activities and student interest in the program.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM