

**Stonington High School**  
**February 27, 2007**  
**SBIT Minutes**

*SHS SBIT 2005-2006 Goal: Strengthen the school to community connection in two distinct ways: bringing the community into SHS during X-BLOCK and sending students out into the area for job shadowing and internships.*

**Members Present:** C. Moore, P. Jeffrey, A. Walsh, K. Donovan, C. Sartor, L. Bolduc, S. Mueller, L. Raffo, L. Gillick, M. Gillick.

**Members Absent:** L. Conway, S. Murphy, M. McKee, D. Willner, M. Devine, B. Morrone, J. Norcross.

**Visitors:** M. Efthimiou, J. Giroux, M. Banker.

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

**Reports**

**A. Minutes-**Approved.

**B. Student Report-**Luke reported that Data Match took place. The annual Talent Show will be held in April. The Junior Project this year will be an ECC Special Olympics to be held at SHS. The planning stages will take place this spring and the event will be scheduled for next fall.

**C. Budget Updates-**Gail MacDonald said the budget goes to the Board of Finance on March 12. Check the papers for additional dates on the town budget. M. Gillick asked why Mandarin Chinese was eliminated. G. MacDonald stated the Board felt the money would be better spent on additional mental health/guidance counselor and other counselors because it would benefit more students. M. Gillick asked how many students had signed up for the course. P. Jeffrey thought approximately 19. The Board is also continuing their discussion on the Alcohol and Drug policy. A subcommittee is meeting with the Athletic Committee to discuss this. Right now there are two policies: One for student/athletes and one for non-athlete/students. They would like both policies to be consistent. G. MacDonald asked for opinions from SBIT members to take back to the Board of Ed.

**D. Y-BLOCK-**P. Jeffrey stated there are 3 students currently in Y-BLOCK. She has revised her prospectus on this program using suggestions given at the last SBIT meeting. The students will come up with the Y-BLOCK schedule themselves. Mrs. Jeffrey has a cart with games on it for student use during Y-BLOCK. In the future this will be done for student's use during X-BLOCK through the Bear Cage. Jigsaw puzzles have been added to ISS and will be wheeled into X-BLOCK everyday. Mrs. Jeffrey is looking for puzzles and games to add to the stock she has now. Mrs. Mueller suggested that the jigsaw puzzle cart be in the LMC during the day. Other suggestions were playing cards and Legos. Mrs. Jeffrey is not sure if playing cards are allowed. This will be looked into. C. Sartor suggested an ad can be put in Bear Essentials next month asking for donations. M. Gillick asked if counselors were on hand in that room yet. P. Jeffrey said no because students assigned to Y-BLOCK may perceive that as negative. Students can go to any member of the mental health team during Y-BLOCK time if requested. M. Gillick asked if all students are aware of Y-BLOCK. Mrs. Jeffrey said they are told about it only when it

is possible that may be assigned to Y-BLOCK. She thought it best to inform students in that manner rather than a formal announcement that may trigger some students to cause possible discomfort for the Y-BLOCK students. M. Gillick thanked P. Jeffrey for bringing this forward and making it happen.

**E. On-Line viewing of Progress Reports/Report Cards-**P. Jeffrey reported that the time frame for viewing report cards around April vacation will not be a problem for parents because report cards will not be available until the Monday following vacation.

**F. COMCAST-**P. Jeffrey spoke with Tim Chokas and she was told Comcast can only show tapes 1 \_ hours long. Students can send them over in VHS form. M. Gillick stated she has heard some parents are upset about the lack of equipment for this class. G. MacDonald stated that they should have new equipment by September. It is in the budget. Clint Kennedy has a list of equipment for purchase. K. Donovan will speak with Mr. Chokas and make sure the equipment in question is what he needs for the class.

**Visitors' Comments-** None

**SBIT Comments-**None

**Action-**None

**Agenda-**None

**Adjournment-**Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.