

Stonington High School
November 21, 2006
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: S. Murphy, L. Raffo, C. Moore, P. Jeffrey, J. Laney, A. Walsh, G. MacDonald, M. Devine, K. Donovan, S. Mueller, C. Sartor, M. McKee, L. Conway.

Members Absent: L. Bolduc, L. Gillick, N. Kepple, J. Norcross, M. Gillick, B. Morrone.

Visitors: Dexter Murphy.

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Luke Raffo.

I. Reports

A. Minutes-Approved.

B. Student Report-Luke Raffo-Homecoming Dance was a success. Over 600 students attended. Cafeteria and Commons very conducive to hold a dance. Fall Feast-Mr. Marenell was guest speaker. Well attended. Stonington Idol-will be held in the spring. Working on Reindeer games which is Holiday-themed games.

C. '07-'08 Budget-BOE Community Forum: December 7, 2006 @7 p.m.@SHS. Mr. McKee explained the old budget process and then explained how this year the BOE is looking for the public input. Looking for SBIT input and ideas. C. Sartor had copies of last year's hand-out. Mr. McKee has the email address of every family (as this was added on the new emergency cards). He will be doing an introductory letter along with an attached copy of last year's budget sheet from Claire entitled "Who Pays for Your Students Education?" (attached). Discussion on having a color flyer with a pie chart or graft showing the fixed cost and the negotiated ones. This would be emailed once the budget is set. Flyer would be available to the general public and on all school websites. Other ways of getting public and students involved were discussed. Ask the student to volunteer. Mr. McKee said can have incentives for students. Claire mentioned having student make signs for voting. Lynn suggested having a Debate on the budget (like the Congressional vote). Gail MacDonald said she spoke last year in the CIA classes on the budget and the classes were watching the cuts. Gail also attended a CAFE conference on budget process. Some SHS SBIT budget wish list items brought up were: Late afternoon/evening hours being brought back to the library, cost of AP testing paid through school, textbook replacement, funding for new library books, technology equipment repair costs.

D. Coordinated Efforts for Fundraising-L. Bolduc not here to discuss this issue. P.Jeffrey said she was not sure of the concern but would talk to Linda before the next meeting to find out. M. McKee said he has collected data on the amount of money raised by fundraisers before.

E. X-Block-Maureen Gillick not present to give report.

II. Visitors' Comments-Dexter Murphy (parent of freshman student) commented that the minutes from last months' meeting were not on the website. Cindy Moore will speak to Sue McCarthy about that.

III. SBIT Comments-G. MacDonald has a BOE survey they are giving to all SBITS. It is up to the individual SBITS who will fill it out. It was decided that all members of this SBIT will receive one in the mail. This is a way for the BOE to access themselves. It will be filled out by the Administration Office also. P. Jeffrey wanted to note that the SHS Drama Club did an outstanding job with the play this past weekend. Cast, crew and pit orchestra were exceptional and all performances were well attended! C. Moore asked for a press release stating the hours on which SHS happenings air on Comcast. P. Jeffrey will get this information from T. Chokas.

IV. Action

V. Agenda

VI.Adjournment-Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.