

# Deans Mill School SBIT Minutes

## Monday 12 February 2007

### DMS Media Center - 4:30pm

Ken Sherwood, Rob Marseglia, Jennifer Middleton, Kelly Spooner, April Smith, Claudia Albert, Tracy O'Lari, Faith MacDonald, Gail McLeod, Jonah Salsich (for Kathy Irvine), Karen Christian, Jacqueline Gingerella, Sherry Castodio, Greg Duba, Faith Leitner, Susan Lyon,  
Visitors: Ann Gestrich, Lisa Switz, Heather Gillies

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

The approval of January meeting minutes were tabled until next month. Lisa made a motion to approve December's meeting minutes and Faith M. seconded. The minutes were approved.

#### **SBIT/BOE REPORTS**

*SBIT minutes are now being posted on the web*

WBSS: none

WV: none

PMS: none

MMS: none

SHS: none

BOE: The BOE finalized a budget last week. A final increase of 4.4% was approved by a 3 to 2 vote. The BOE is presenting this budget to the Board of Finance Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 at the Police Station. Gail asked about the allocation of paras, particularly to the media centers and Claudia responded by saying the reasons are due to technology requirements.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **\*SBIT By-Laws**

The By-Laws have been finalized and are now with Claudia for approval.

##### **\*Ad Hoc Committee on Track**

Jennifer distributed a handout to members. She presented research and then 5 separate scenarios with pros and cons. The ad-hoc committee recommended that the SBIT be supportive of teachers incorporating exercise where opportunities exist. Claudia expressed some concern about the potential loss of instructional time. In the absence of this scenario the committee recommended that there be no change to recess at this time.

##### **\*Budget**

Susan emailed documents to all SBIT members about the budget process. Also, please refer to April's comments under the Board of Education report. April feels that this budget is very lean and has a good chance of being approved.

##### **\*Centers of Excellence**

Jennifer has a couple of articles which Greg volunteered to scan and email to everyone.

Jennifer asked how can we send a message to teachers that we would like to support and encourage Centers of Excellence. Ken stated that they have had many discussions about this subject. Gail asked some questions about the structure of Centers of Excellence, and stated that the idea is so vast, the teachers are having difficulty 'wrapping their heads around it'.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

\*PMS SBIT Chikumbuso Project

Janis Ingham came to speak about the PMS Chikumbuso Project. A handout was given to members explaining the project. Chikumbuso is a support program for widows, orphans and families in N'gombe, Zambia. It provides education, health care, food, clothing, etc.

## **VISITOR FEEDBACK**

Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon

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