

# Deans Mill School SBIT Minutes

## Monday 12 March 2007

### DMS Media Center - 4:30 pm

Ken Sherwood, Rob Marseglia, Jennifer Middleton, Kelly Spooner, Claudia Albert, Tracy O'Lari, Kristen Oliverio (for Faith MacDonald), Gail McLeod, Kathy Irvine, Karen Christian, Jacqueline Gingerella, Sherry Castodio, Greg Duba, Ann Gestrich, Faith Leitner, Susan Lyon, Lisa Switz

Not present: April Smith, Heather Gillies

Visitors: Jonah Salsish

Rob M. called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The minutes from both January and February meetings were approved. Faith Leitner motioned and Ann Gestrich seconded.

#### **INFORMATION**

\*Review of 2007- 2008 School Calendar

Calendars were passed out to the SBIT. Opening day is Tuesday September 4, after a week of professional development days. Sherry commented that when professional development days are in the summer, the specialists do not get a concentration of information in their field. There was discussion on placement of professional days. The team agreed to put this on the agenda for next September.

\*Upcoming Budget Information

-Voter Registration Cards

Rob dropped off cards at all the schools. He has also set up a meeting with SBIT chairs to discuss strategy.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*Centers of Excellence

Claudia handed out a presentation of Centers of Excellence and spoke about the topic.

-Why? To provide students with opportunities that will enable them to learn to their fullest potential. It is much more than reconfiguring students and assigning teachers differently. It's about curriculum and instruction...about increasing learning.

-Ways to create centers of Excellence include: changing class configurations, different teacher assignments, curriculum and instruction manipulation.

-Some scenarios include micro societies, school partnerships, leaning emphases, service learning, school of experts, and career centered education

\*By Law changes

Susan made a motion to approve changes to the by laws, Faith Leitner seconded and the motion was approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

In the interest of time all new business was tabled until the next meeting.

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

*SBIT minutes are posted on the web*

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS**

*BOE minutes are posted on the web*

March 12 - Board of Education budget presentation

April 9 - Budget Hearing

April 23 - Town Meeting

Town Referendums - May 1, May 22, & June 12

**OTHER**

Susan Lyon made a plea for a volunteer to co-chair the After Class Enrichment Program. She will be leaving next year and a volunteer is needed to take her place.

**VISITOR FEEDBACK**

None

Kathy motioned to adjourn and the meeting concluded at 5:50pm

Next Meeting: April 9, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lyon  
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