

Pawcatuck Middle School
SBIT Minutes
November 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Minutes of the October meeting were accepted.

In attendance were: E. Cravinho, L. George, K. Rathbun, D. Rea, and J Giulini

Report(s)

Mrs. Giulini noted that the 8th grade Washington, D.C. field trip held from October 20-23 was successful. Students enjoyed the ideal weather and the opportunity to decide upon different sites to visit in small groups. Students agreed upon the powerful impact of the Holocaust Museum. All students have decided upon favorite sites and have made clear their appreciation for the field trip. Discussion of the trip followed. Everyone shared concern about the expense of the trip per child and expressed a need to look at more affordable options.

Mrs. Giulini went on to discuss school activities held in October, including Red Ribbon Week and PMS student participation in the Columbus Day Parade. The theme for PMS was "Volunteerism". Fundraising efforts in October included the Soup-a-thon on 9/16 and teachers serving as wait staff at Pizza Place on 9/21. Each activity garnered over \$1000 which will be used to support student field trips.

Focus of the Make a Wish - Pay It Forward school-wide initiative has been helping Jake Morin earn his Eagle Scout badge. He is building shelves at PNC and stocking them with essentials. PMS students are collecting soap for that project. Last count was over 800 bars that have been collected. They have also collected over 200 pairs of glasses for an African initiative.

Old Business

New Business

Focus of the meeting was upon the joint SBIT meeting slated for November 14. Lori George shared that purpose of the meeting will be to have representatives from each school share what his/her SBIT has been doing and begin a re-assessment of the purpose of SBIT.

Lori George led a discussion of Parents as Partners Night (12/9). It was decided that a flier be sent home after that meeting to share information and get questions from parents who are unable to attend that informational meeting. Lore George agreed to create a flier to advertise Parents as Partners Night. It will be mailed to parents of Title 1 students and included in Panther Tracks.

Speakers for the evening will include Betty Pacelle, Lori Liguori, and Beth Stewart. Baby sitters will be provided for children of attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.