

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SHARED DECISION COMMITTEE
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

May 29, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the District Shared Decision Committee of the Huntington Union Free School District was held on May 29, 2018 at the Jack Abrams School Library, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, NY.

ATTENDEES

District Shared Committee Members:

Nancy Allard, Suzette Biagi, Carol Coffey, Allison Conlon, Theresa Duffy, Doreen Ellis, Jill Johanson, Keith Meyers, Patrice Monks, Wendy Naborre, Marsha Neville, Diana Rich, Brian Stellato

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Nancy Allard and seconded by Carol Coffey to approve the Minutes of the District Shared Decision Committee meeting of March 6, 2018.

REPORT FROM SCHOOLS

Huntington High School

- Suzette Biagi and Brian Stellato reported that the high school had their Parent Academy on April 17th, but that it had a low turnout. They were hoping for 60 parents, while approximately 30 attended. It was noted that those that were in attendance got a lot out of it, and the feedback was all positive. Their Shared Decision Making Committee is brainstorming ideas to increase the attendance for the next time.
- AWOD recently completed their visit to Woodhull's 5th graders.
- The Senior Citizen Prom was a huge success and very touching.
- Relay for Life is next weekend, and Senior Prom is also coming up soon.
- The district art show was held at the high school during district elections, and it had a great turnout.

Finley Middle School

- Finley recently had human relations programs, which included high school students working with the Finley students, which the Finley students loved. Next year, they may have other guest speakers.

Woodhull Intermediate School

- It was reported that Career Day was a great success. Afterwards, the Shared Decision Making Team had a discussion on how to implement a different computer or technology system that can put kids into sessions for next year, as the kids select their top choices of career that they would like to listen to.

Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School

- It was reported that they are continuing a program called Homework for the Soul each month. This includes videos, and respect posters in the lobby that the children contribute to.
- They are preparing for a Wonder Week, which will include the Art and Music Departments also preparing activities to promote intolerance. Children will move to different classrooms to do different activities. There also will be a facial deformities guest speaker during the week. All of these activities are based around the book Wonder, which recently was the basis for a movie about a boy with facial deformities.
- The 4th grade is involved with a Lego competition, and will be seeing a presentation on bicycle safety. Their Market Day is also coming up.

Flower Hill Primary School

- They're focusing on an outdoor classroom, which will have tree stumps for kids to sit on, and an easel for the teacher to write on.
- They're painting a kindness wall, and have a kindness tree, to help build character.
- For family connection, each grade level has been presenting at an assembly.
- They recently had a Math Night, in which parents rotated in the gym to different centers which included scavenger hunts, and tangram activities.
- They are considering a Flower Hill rock, similar to the one at the entrance to Huntington High School, in which each class would take turns decorating it.

Jefferson Primary School

- The 4th grade is going to the Carillon Nursing home to visit the patients there.
- Field Day is June 8, 2018.
- The Leadership Team is doing a clothing drive.
- The Shared Decision Making Committee is going through the school's student handbook to update it for next year.

Southdown Primary School

- They recently had a coding night. It went well. Parents came in, and the children taught the parents. They had raffles too.
- They are making a big push to include STEM activities and are building a Maker Space.
- Kindergarteners are maintaining and planting the school's garden.
- They are focusing on writing workshops.
- On June 18, the whole school will walk down to Gold Star Battalion Beach. They have different stations and do activities like dancing and making sand castles.

Washington Primary School

- Their number one goal is parental involvement.
- A recent Math and Science Night went well. Book Fair was open as well.
- They recently had PSEG do an assembly on electrical safety.
- Third grade visited Carillon Nursing home, and 4th grade will visit in June.
- Fourth grade will have their Market Day in the next few weeks.
- For Flag Day, one of the student's grandfathers flew a plane over the school field, where the children all stood in the formation of a United States flag.

SEPTA

- They recently held a Parent Academy at night with a guest speaker. It was reported to have gone well. Dr. Mendez of the High School was the presenter.
- In May, they had their Sunset on the Sound fundraiser, which was well attended. Brenden Cusack performed as well.
- They are hosting a bike clinic on June 3rd at Finley Middle School for students. Children will be taught how to ride, and they will remove the training wheels and help children ride without them.
- They are trying to increase the membership, and want to remind everyone that ALL are eligible to join, not just parents of special education students.

NANCY ALLARD – TITLE I

- Title I will continue to support reading teachers and parental involvement grants.

REPORT FROM BETH MCCOY

- District wide initiatives will continue to explore the social emotional side of our students.
- A webinar will be included in the training of teachers for character education programs for grades K-6.
- Libraries will be Maker Spaces next year in elementary buildings, and will be a push in model, as opposed to the model currently in use.
- E-book collection is expanding

NEW BUSINESS

FUTURE MEETINGS: October 17, 2018; December 5, 2018
March 6, 2019 and May 29, 2019

We will be starting promptly at 4:00 p.m. Duration of the meeting will be approximately one hour. Members must be members of the Shared Decision Committee in their school. Please make sure an alternate is chosen to attend these meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Diana Rich and seconded by Suzette Biagi to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.