

Stonington High School
SBIT Minutes
May 18, 2010

Members Present: C. Moore, J. Norcross, M. Devine, A. Walsh, S. Murphy, J. McCurdy, M. Gillick, E. Collette, K. Borenstein.

Meeting called to order at 5:05p.m.

I. Reports:

A. Minutes to March 16, 2010 meeting approved.

B. Student Report: E. Collette.

The softball team played Waterford on May 4th in a Play-for-the-Cure game. They raised approximately \$600 which will be donated to the Lisa Wentz Day Scholarship and the American Cancer Association. Thirty nine new members were inducted into the National Honor Society of Stonington High School and were celebrated with the traditional banquet. Lia Vann was elected by her classmates to become next year's president. Also, Student Government held their Executive Board Elections, with Mikaela Gillick earning the spot of president next year! Claire Chambers, Meghan Pettini, Jennifer Brant, Scott Hallamore, Olivia Barth and Mary Kate Connelly will make up the rest of the ambitious executive board for next year. Induction will be held this Thursday. The SHS Jazz Band recently performed at the Waterford Jazz Festival, where they won Best Overall Saxophone Section. This is the first time in 5 years that SHS has placed at the festival. The Band will perform in the Mystic Memorial Day Parade. The band and chorus is hard at work preparing for the SHS Pops concert on June 5. This year's theme is Space. The AP Literature Classes at Stonington High School put together their annual Kaleidoscope evening where there were both wonderful poetry readings and musical performances. The Junior Class will be holding their annual Bear-a-Thon on Memorial Day. Part of their proceeds will be donated to the Mystic VFW in honor of Memorial Day. Also, Congratulations to the Crew team who won 2nd place in States last week!

C. Junior Project: J. McCurdy states that the juniors from Student Government are going to PMS and MMS to show their video and break into small groups for discussion with student regarding involvement at the high school level. St. Michael's will be offered this same opportunity. This will be done before the Activities Fair, June 1. This will become an annual duty of the Student Government.

D. FACT Update: Faculty Administration Collaborative Team has recently met to revise the school's policy on electronic devices. Devices should not be visible during the school day. If a student violates the rule more than 5 times the device is taken from them. The team also revised the attendance policy. There have been a lot of tardies in all grades. New policy will be over 4 tardies-office detention, over 6 tardies-in school suspension with a letter going home to the parents. No problem with senior release students. Students are pulled out of class too much lately so X-Block will be revised for next year with the traditional XBlock on even days and an ZBlock on odd days. Students will report to homebase for ½ of the time then have lunch. Advisories, academic interventions, NHS, rehearsals, club meetings and any assemblies of classes will take place during this time. Sometimes it will be used for study time. This will be grade level scheduled. Senior release will have to be worked out. S.

Murphy referenced Lia Vann's article in The Brown and White regarding the misuse of XBlock.

E. Budget/Hiring: 4 positions are posted for SHS. Interviews will be conducted shortly. They are: Guidance, Art, English and Math/Science. K. Borenstein will be on the hiring committee.

II. Visitor's Comments: None.

III. SBIT Comments: C. Moore discussed the concern with the way voting of class officers and student government representatives took place this year. Students did not have to listen to candidates speeches and did not have to vote. Seems to be a lack of enthusiasm for holding an elected office. S. Murphy will bring this to Mr. Walter. This is something that can be done during ZBlock next year.

IV. Action: None.

V. Agenda: None.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to sit on this board with such dedicated individuals. I truly felt a part of the SHS community!

C. Moore