

SHARED DECISION MAKING TEAM MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2011
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In attendance were:

Lee Ellwood
Diana McGinniss
Lisa Arrigotti
Patrick Guarino
Christina Martin
Hilary Louchheim
Stacie Selfe
Brian Villante
Christoph Mueller
Matthew Wilson
Barbara Albright
Barbara Mueller
Lauren Thayer
Adeline Neubert

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Lee Ellwood, Superintendent (Brian Villante, SDMT Facilitator, assumed his role at 7:25 p.m.)
2. The Minutes from the previous SDMT meeting (9/29/11) were discussed. An objection to item #5, pertaining to the number of parents able to vote at SDMT meetings, was registered by Matthew Wilson and Patrick Guarino. All other attendees were in agreement that the minutes were accurate as presented.
3. Diana McGinniss discussed the Sagg School Open House, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 at 7 pm. All teachers (and possibly the art and music teachers as well) will be present to discuss the curriculums they teach. Fifteen minutes will be spent per grade. Student schedules will be distributed. Schedules and other pertinent materials will be sent home to parents who are unable to attend the Open House. Diana also discussed the annual Haunting Sagonack Halloween Parade, which will take place on Monday, October 31 commencing at approximately 8:30 a.m. The parade will make stops at the Muellers, the Sagg Post Office, the Louchheims and the Bartons before returning to school. Children should arrive at school dressed in their costumes.
4. Barbara Mueller discussed the fundraising needs of the Parents Committee, which among other things compiles photo albums for all graduating fourth graders. Because there are 8 students graduating this year, Barbara asks that all parents help support the Parent Committee in

their fundraising endeavors. Such endeavors will include selling holiday wreaths, game night, and a yard sale. Christina Martin volunteered to compile a movie for the Moving Up/Graduation Ceremony in June.

5. Brian Villante discussed the need to identify and designate 2-3 community members as Community Representatives for the SDMT. Because the SDMP is currently being reviewed and revised, and because there had been confusion about who was responsible for disseminating information to the public about the available positions (nothing had been done as a result), it was decided by attendees that the Community Representatives would be designated when the new plan is adopted. The following community members were designated to serve as Community Representatives until the December meeting: Christina Martin, Lauren Thayer and Barbara Albright. Mrs. McGinniss stated that it is not up to the school to put a poster up at the post office or to send the letter to all Sagaponack families with children in grades K and 5-12. This will need to be done by a volunteer from the committee.
6. Brian Villante stated that we need to review the SDMP and be prepared to present our recommendations to the School Board at their December meeting. He suggests reviewing the SDMP section by section, beginning with the Mission Statement, and submitting all comments and recommendations to him within 10 days (in time for the next SDMT meeting on November 17). Suggestions should be made via email (BRV@gracefg.com) or phone (631-839-0355). Lee Ellwood suggested working off the teachers' draft, which is a compilation of the existing SDMP and the draft revision submitted by Patrick Guarino on 6/1/11. SDMT Parent Representatives (Matthew Wilson, Stacie Selfe, Patrick Guarino and Jaime Schmidt/Christoph Mueller) are responsible for passing this information along to other parents in their grades. All agreed that the November SDMT meeting will be a work session dedicated to discussing the SDMP, and that no other business will be conducted.
7. Patrick Guarino requested that the issue of winter activities be put on the agenda for the SDMT meeting in January 2012. All agreed.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.