

SHARED DECISION MAKING TEAM MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2011
DRAFT

In attendance were:

Lee Ellwood
Diana McGinniss
Lisa Arrigotti
Terry Scammell
Christina Martin
Hilary Louchheim
Stacie Selfe
Brian Villante
Christoph Mueller
Matthew Wilson
Barbara Albright
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by facilitator Brian Villante, who announced that Hilary Louchheim was sitting in as the 2nd Grade Parent Representative for Patrick Guarino, who was unable to attend the meeting. Christoph Mueller stated that he was sitting in as the 4th Grade Parent Representative for Jaime Schmidt, who also was unable to attend .
2. The minutes from the October 2011 SDMT meeting were presented for comments and/or approval. They were approved. Matthew Wilson abstained on the grounds that the minutes and the October SDMT meeting do not meet the requirements of the SDMP.
3. Attendees discussed the draft SDMP Mission Statement that had been compiled and presented by the Sagaponack Teaching Staff. The final version that was agreed upon by all follows:

The Sagaponack Common School's parents and community are committed to the belief that all children have the right and should be provided the opportunity to achieve excellence in educational pursuits according to their individual talents and abilities. The Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) is committed to supporting the education of students in the values, critical skills, and essential knowledge necessary to be contributing and responsible individuals who are prepared to take the next steps in their future personal, academic and professional endeavors.

The purpose and goal of the SDMC shall be to improve the educational performance of all students in the school. The SDMC works to ensure the meaningful participation of administrators, teachers, parents and community members in school-based planning and decision making with regard to Educational and Non-Educational Issues. Central to this goal is communication between the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, teachers, parents and

community members that represents the diverse range of opinions and points of view.

4. Brian Villante stated that item #1 and item #3 of the draft SDMP would be discussed at the next SDMT meeting on Thursday, January 19. He asked that comments and suggestions be submitted to him via email (BRV@gracefg.com) or phone (631-839-0355) no later than January 5th.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.