

SIT Meeting Minutes November 7th, 2016

Members Present:

Reynolds, G. ; Innella, J. ; Monastero, J.; Howell, O.; DeNatale, P. ; Lauro, A.; Landau, M.; Strunk, M.; Packert, B.; Rivadeneira, A.; DiNozzi, S.; Grossman, H.; Sneider, M.; Pusey, A.; Pomper, A.; Terraciano, A.; Coughlin, J.; Murray, M.; Sihksnel, T.

-Meeting began at 2:45 PM

-Members made a motion to approve minutes from September meeting

Elections

-Ms. DiNozzi gave an overview about her experience putting an agenda together for SIT meetings with Mr. Matuk. She explained that she served as a liaison with Mr. Matuk in creating an agenda, creating sub-committees, etc.

-Mr. Monastero asked if there was anyone who would like to be the head of the SIT Team for the 2016-2017 school year

-Ms. DiNozzi nominated Beth Packert to become the President for the 2016-2017 school year

-Mr. Monastero nominated Trish Sihksnel to be the recording secretary

-Mr. Monastero asked if there were any goals for the 2016-2017 school year for us to 'investigate' during this school year

-Mrs. Packert asked if the SIT Committee could bring up regarding the Cheer team and the Pep Club. A parent approached her and let her know that the boy was uncomfortable with being walked out by the cheerleading team at Homecoming, suggesting that the girls were 'rated'. Mothers of cheerleaders approached her to let her know that they were uncomfortable with this. Is this something that could be passed on to the Pep Club instead? Moving forward, there should be some sort of rule in place for this.

-There was a question of when the cheerleaders became an official 'sport'

-Paige asked if it was an issue that the cheerleaders are decorating for the boys, or was it an issue of certain girls being paired with certain boys.

-Ms. Sihksnel explained the process of how the girls have the opinion to either participate or not

-Paige DeNatale mentioned that in her sport (Field hockey) there is something similar within the team (Secret Santa and Senior Day)

-Olivia Howell explained that this is a student decision- Ms. Innella agreed that from a parental perspective, this is something that her son very much enjoyed

-Avery mentioned that on the Crew team, it is co-ed and the coaches really do not provide much impact or perspective on how the students are assigned, what they must do, etc.

-Mrs. Grossman recalled that in years past on SIT, the 'inclusivity' in the school has been an issue and not everyone is involved... inevitably, people are left out. The class Olympics was brought up - as it was an idea in order to improve school spirit

-Paige contributed that school spirit has been vastly improved because of teachers setting the tone in order to contribute (with extra credit, etc.)

Class Olympics

-Mrs. Grossman suggested that perhaps the Spring semester Pep Rally slot be replaced with the Class Olympics

-Mr. Monastero considered the possibility of merging the two activities

-Paige DeNatale mentioned that dodgeball will be taking place Thursday 11/10/16. She explained that this is used as a fundraiser for a specific class.

-Mrs. Grossman mentioned that the fundraising component of class Olympics would be lost if it were to be moved during the school day.

Conclusion

-Avery Pusey gave an eloquent speech on how eventually, each student works through their difficulties and eventually is able to find their 'niche'.

Sub-Committee

- Mrs. Grossman suggested that we find out from the students how we can change the Spring Pep Rally

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Next meeting will be December 5th, 2016