

Setauket School Site Based Team Meeting

Minutes for
January 9, 2008

Members Present: Dr. Rullan
Mrs. Kerr
Miss Barnao
Mrs. Dunmire
Mrs. Deaver
Mrs. Mills
Mrs. Caine

Meeting began at 3:45.

Dr. Rullan welcomed everyone back and Happy 2008! She began talking about the recycling program that site-based is supporting. She ordered office and classroom recycling bins with the blue recycling symbol on them. They are about three feet high. At the end of each hallway will be a bigger rolling garbage bin where the smaller bins will be dumped into. Right now, we will be recycling paper. There will be a list of which types of paper can be recycled provided later on. Bob Hansen will be providing the school with the paper dumpster. There will be fifth and sixth graders assigned to certain pick-up times. Pick-up may be once a week, but we will compare it to the fourth grade recycling program that is currently in place to see what has been successful for them. As soon as the bins arrive, the recycling program will begin. Someone suggested that we also think about recycling water bottles in the cafeteria. That will be looked into after the paper recycling program takes off. A question came up about going paperless next year. Dr. Rullan spoke about the good possibility that this will happen. She will speak to Paula Bienia at Minnesauke. They did it for this year and she will be able to get more information on how they notified parents. It was suggested that maybe the notices could go out through email, rather than onto the Parent Portal. The email would warn the parents that there is a notice to read and then possibly have a link to the Parent Portal to receive the notice. It was suggested that we begin preparing parents about going paperless in April.

Mrs. Kerr reported on Peaceful Playgrounds. She and Dr. Rullan met with the physical education teachers and planned out where the games would be stenciled onto the blacktop areas. In the bus circle there will be the United States map, a few four squares and a multi-use circle. By the basketball courts, there will be two four squares, two hopscotch courts and another multi-use circle. Finally, by little toy, there will be several four squares, hopscotch courts and a number grid. Any new games will be taught by the physical education teachers. Right now in physical education, the students are learning how to play the number grid game. Mrs. Kerr explained that one day after school when

the weather is nice, we will get a group of volunteers together to do the spray painting and stenciling. All of the parents present at the meeting volunteered themselves, their husbands and friends. It was suggested that teachers and monitors learn how to play the games too. Mrs. Kerr agreed and the conversation will continue when the weather is nicer so that a date for the stenciling can be set up.

Mrs. Mills and Dr. Rullan began speaking about the “Go Green!” campaign that the school will embark upon. We are asking students to come up with a slogan to kick off our campaign. Dr. Rullan will create a flyer to go home and give the students two weeks to give in their creative slogan name. At our next site-based meeting, we will discuss which slogan we like the best.

Mrs. Deaver reminded everyone about a *Theatrehappy* program that teaches about caring for the Earth. Mrs. Calo is the PTA representative that is in charge of cultural arts so it was suggested that Mrs. Deaver contact her. It was also suggested that this assembly program be done around Earth Day, possibly connected to Mrs. Barnao’s assembly with her class on the same subject.

Mrs. Mills brought up the idea of TV Turn-Off Week that occurs in April. There is a free training about how to kick-off this week and promote it in your school. Dr. Rullan is interested in attending with Mrs. Mills. The training is on Tuesday, February 12th. Mrs. Mills will also email the other members of site-based with more information about this training. Mrs. Mills suggested that we have a big assembly before this week or on that Monday. One suggestion was for there to be skits performed by the students at this assembly about turning the TV off for a week. This week and the activities should be brought to the attention of the press and media, such as the local newspaper.

Mrs. Mills also discussed a documentary that she has ordered called “Where do the children play?” She wanted to show it at a PTA meeting. It was suggested that we invite the other schools and the PTO to watch this documentary. The site-based team will view it first at the next meeting. It is 55 minutes long. It was suggested to open this event up to teachers. This event can also be brought to the attention of the press and media.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30

Next Meeting: February 6, 2008