RHINEBECK HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING LEVEL PLANNING TEAM

MINUTES March 11, 2004

Member's Present; Stephen Lezon, Sarah Rogine, Sarah Sutherland, Ted Alban, Gary Sutherland

Guests: Dr. Laura Sagan, Ernie Welch, Faculty Representative.

Member's Absent:
John Murphy, Larry Montalto, Barbara Wolcott, Pat Beecher, Diane Brown, Susan Volin, Nina Saxena, Parul Saxena

Dr. Laura Sagan, Bulkeley Middle School Principal and Mr. Ernie Welch, Rhinebeck High School Foreign Language (French) instructor, were introduced and thanked for their attendance.

Acceptance of Minutes: The meeting minutes of February 5, 2004 were accepted.

Dr. Sagan's Power Point Presentation:
Dr. Sagan presented on proposed changes to the Foreign Language Program at BMS. (See Attached)
Discussion followed.

- BMS will mirror the languages that are offered in the High School with exception of Latin.
- Questions of why Latin is not included.
  It is felt that middle school students are not developmentally ready for Latin in 6/7 grade. Latin will be offered to students when in 8th grade.
- Benefit to students with language being introduced at an earlier age.
- Must remember to promote Latin.
- Suggestion of High School Foreign Language teachers to introduce their subject to individual BMS classes.
- The BLPT is in agreement with this proposal, but is fearful of losing middle school Latin component.

BOCES Program Update: Mr. Heywood, Mrs. Volin and Mr. Lezon met with Mr. Celenza. (two weeks ago)

- Went over our concerns/program concerns.
- He will set up a meeting with Claire Garvey. (Asst. Superintendent at BOCES)
- Our HS guidance counselors will be invited as well as Mrs. Volin and Mrs. Bryant. (HS Special Ed/Resource Room teachers)
- Mrs. Volin will present the results of that meeting and any results/findings and/or agreements at a future BLPT meeting and put this issue to closure.

Drug Free School Zone:
This topic has been discussed at the Board of Education meetings. The Board has asked for more information before deciding on this topic.
The Board of Education requests that representatives from the RHS BLPT make a presentation at a future Board meeting. They also request input/feedback form the community regarding this topic. We discussed

sending a letter to the community. This letter will be drafted prior to our next meeting.

Closed vs. Open Campus:
Due to time constraints, the BLPT was not able to enter into discussion on this issue. This will be discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting will be April 15, 2004 at 4:30 PM in the school library.

BLPT AGENDA

1. Review and Discussion of the Mission/Vision/Core Values Statement drafted by the CDEP M/V/B Subcommittee. (See Attached)
2. Drug-Free School Zone (Update)
3. Student Signing Out during the School Day/Closed Campus.