

RHINEBECK HIGH SCHOOL

BUILDING LEVEL PLANNING TEAM

MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Member's Present: Stephen Lezon, Parul Saxena, Nina Saxena, Sarah Rogine, Sarah Sutherland, Gary Sutherland, Ted Alban

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

Introductions: Sarah Sutherland, Grade 11, who has volunteered to be a Student Representative for the Rhinebeck High School BLPT.

Acceptance of Minutes: The meeting minutes of October 30, 2003 were incomplete. They will be corrected, and redistributed.

Drug Free School Zone: In John Murphy's absence, Stephen Lezon made a verbal presentation of information given to him by Mr. Murphy.

John Murphy has done the legwork, phone calls etc. and currently at same stage of development as this application was in February of 2003. Mr. Murphy will approach the Superintendent and the Board of Education for separate referral letters for the Town Supervisor and the Mayor. Upon receipt of these referral letters, the Town Supervisor/Mayor would create the Drug Free School Committee. Some RHS BLPT members to also be on this committee. That committee to discuss the dimensions of the Drug Free Zones, and inclusionary areas. (School, recreation parks, etc.) There may be some fees related with the application process. Mr. Murphy to look into this.

Students Signing Out During the School Day:

- ◆ Mrs. Volin's statistics were distributed. (See Attached)
- ◆ Other School Sign-Out Policies distributed (See Attached)

Discussion Followed:

- ◆ Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the students in Grade 11 and Grade 12 sign-out.

- ◆ Mr. Alban suggested we ask Guidance Dept. why students have so many study halls, especially in grades 9 and 10.
- ◆ It was pointed out that some students want to do the bare minimum (required courses), hence the study halls.
- ◆ Ask Guidance if there are other choices/options of courses vs. study halls.
- ◆ Sign-out policies from other schools were reviewed and compared to ours.
- ◆ Suggested that at next meeting a H.S. guidance counselor attend and make presentation of school requirements/course options and answer questions.

After School Program:

- ◆ Spoke to Mr. Keefe, and he feels that it is a Modified Basketball problem.
- ◆ In regards to number of students, he believes that you are talking about 15 students.
- ◆ Students walk to Chancellor at approximately 3:15 PM.
- ◆ Essentially a Middle School issue.
- ◆ Mr. Lezon to speak with Dr. Sagan.

Cc. BLPT Members

Mr. Anthony Celenza

Mr. Joseph Phelan

Mr. Ken Oclatis

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AGENDA

Agenda For Next Meeting

- ◆ Approval of Minutes
- ◆ Students Signing Out During the School Day
- ◆ Guidance Presentation
- ◆ Drug Free School Zone Update

Next Meeting: January 7, 2004 at 4:30 PM in the school library.