



Parent Partnership Meeting

2/7/2011

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

WHS - Conference Room

Meeting called by:
Janelle Gianni

Type of meeting: School
Improvement Special Ed.
Meeting

Facilitator: Janelle with
Marylynne Brady-
Johnson presenting

Note taker: Janelle

Timekeeper: Janelle

Attendees: Janelle,
Marylynne, Kathy
Bisceglia, Veronica
Bedard, Marypat
Murtagh, Sally Rushford,
Rori Wood, Tracey
Heacox, Karen
Fumarola, Carleen
Legault, Nicole Rohenaz,
Elizabeth Slate, Barbara
DiPofi

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Welcome and Review Agenda

Janelle

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Discussion: Everyone introduced themselves. There were 4 members of the School Improvement Team, 7 parents (one being a PPS secretary as well) and another PPS secretary. It was discussed that the topic of bullying was requested by parents at our first parent partnership meeting of the year. Veronica Bedard explained to the parents that the Watervliet City School District is taking on a new initiative by having our 7-9 graders involved in a workshop regarding bullying that will be presented by Point Break. These workshops will take place in the next couple of weeks on campus for 7th and 8th graders and 9th graders will be off campus.

Conclusions: This is a very important issue and parents, teachers and students should be informed about the warning signs and what to do.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Conduct the presentation

Marylynne Brady-Johnson

2/7/2011

Bullying Presentation

**Marylynne Brady-
Johnson**

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Discussion: Marylynne began the presentation by handing out a power point and stating that bullying is a three legged stool which includes teachers, students and parents and that everyone plays a role. Bullying can be either physical, psychological or both. A person is a bully to feel more powerful. People stay out of the situation because they tend to feel “better you than me” and “I’m not going to get in the middle of that”. Victims feel helpless and powerless. For most of our kids school is their world. Bullying interferes with learning. Bullying children can become bullying adults. Cyber bullying may be considered new, but it is just the tool that has changed. Some are strong enough to ignore, but some can not. People must be aware of the difference between sarcasm and humor. Bullies plot and plan. People have to know that that don’t take advantage of someone just because they can.

We must create a culture where sticking up for others is rewarded. We must teach students how to be empowered. Something to consider would be a peer empowerment program. In the cases of cyber bullying, parents should try to keep the lines of communication open and let their children know that it is OK to tell them what is going on.

Conclusions: This is an issue that will take more than one night to discuss.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
March 21 st second night focusing on bullying.	Janelle to set up presenters	March 21st

Questions and/or Concerns

**Marylynne Brady-
Johnson**

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Discussion: Parents asked if interacting is the key to handling bullying with their children and Marylynne said that communication is key and that role playing can also help parents and their children work through situations that have happened or that could happen. Parents also asked questions pertaining to legal ramifications. One parent thought that someone who has sat in on panel discussions regarding her own personal experiences with bullying would be a powerful presentation and everyone agreed.

Conclusions: Janelle will ask Sgt. Spain to present at next parent partnership meeting and Carleen Legault will ask a person that she knows who has sat in on panel discussions regarding bullying if she will be willing to come on the 21st to present at well.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Janelle will set up presenters for next meeting on March 21 st . Janelle will ask Dave Wareing to place announcement of meeting on Facebook regarding 0 Tolerance – Watervliet Against Bullying	Janelle	March 14 th .

Next Steps	Janelle	5
<u>Discussion: Next meeting will be set up for March 21st at 6:00 in conference room at WHS.</u>		
<u>Conclusions: Look into legal ramifications and listen to a person discuss personal experience with bullying.</u>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Janelle will set up presenters and notify people of meeting	Janelle	March 14 th .

Other Information
