

Parent Partnership Initial Meeting

1/26/2009

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

WES Library

Meeting called by:
Janelle Yanni

**Type of meeting: Parent
Partnership Meeting**

Facilitator: Janelle

**Note taker: Elizabeth
Slate**

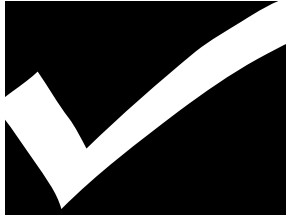
**Timekeeper: David
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Attendees: Marylynne Brady Johnson, Paul Padalino, Linda Kelly, April Rogers, Danelle Danzy, Carol Green, Elizabeth Slate, Marypat Murtagh, Carleen Legault, Daniele DeInnocentiis, Veronica Bedard, Nicole Rohenaz, Regina Ruchel, Kathy Bisceglia, Mary Alice Hipwell, Stephanie Randall, David Wareing, and Barbara DiPofi

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Introductions

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Discussion: All attendees introduced themselves and shared a little bit about themselves.

Conclusions: Six parents attended and 11 district personnel and one person from Parsons Parent Advisory.

Action items:

NA

Person responsible:

NA

Deadline:

NA

Purpose of Committee

Janelle and Marylyne 15

Discussion: It was stated that there are several committees at Watervliet and all of these committees are working on improving services for our students and opening lines of communication. Purpose – 1st to inform you, give information, what is this committee all about – 2nd See how you can become more involved – parent members are needed for our CSE and CPSE committees – 3rd ambassadors to spread the positive feeling that we hope everyone shares about our students – these parents could come to events and help other parents who may have questions about our services or programs. We hope to continuously engage more and more parents. Research states that the more a parent is involved in the child’s education the better the child does academically and socially. “Shared information” - We could create our own network. We need feedback from parents. This is an ambitious endeavor, but greatly needed at our district. Tonight is an overview for our committee to discuss membership and timelines for CSE and CPSE as well as discuss our special education language (acronyms). We have brought so many students back to district and we now have many supports (resources) that we have not had in the past so that we can be committed to educate our students in our buildings. We all need to work as a team and encourage communication.

Conclusions: Positive meeting with parents willing to become involved.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NA	NA	NA

Acronyms Activity

Janelle 15

Discussion: How confusing is our special ed. language??? Acronyms Activity – Try to figure out acronyms and discuss.

Conclusions: Confusing language for even people in the field at times.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NA	NA	NA

Membership and Timelines

Janelle and Marylyne 20

Discussion: Handed our Quick Reference Diagram for membership and timelines for CSE and CPSE.

Conclusions: Attendees found handouts to be informative.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
NA	NA	NA

Next Steps

Janelle

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Discussion: Looking at having parents making a commitment to become more involved and to bring a friend, neighbor of relative to the next meeting. Most parents stated that they would like to be a parent member.

Conclusions: Set up next meeting.

Action items:

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 2/23 at 6:00 in WES library. Set up agenda and go over agenda with Marylynne before the next meeting.

Person responsible:

Janelle

Deadline:

2/23/09

Other Information