

WSEAC Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2008

In Attendance: Eve Bisard, Jessica Schad, Richard D'Agostino, Melanie Cluley, Kristin Batchelor, Delia McDermott, Katlyn Lacroix, Susan Fay, Derek Thayer, Tom Daniels, Cindy Roberts, Sharon Terzian, Kim Wilcer, Jenna Conlon, Jennifer Bosella

Meeting began at 7:10pm with introductions. Motion was made to accept the February meeting minutes, all committee members voted in favor and minutes were accepted.

Old Business: Transition Workshop final presentation dates were reviewed. For other WSEAC sponsored events, some possible speakers were discussed. Dr. D'Agostino stated that he had been in touch with Jon Anderson, school district attorney, and he has recommended a professional that could present to the group on Estate planning. Sheila Hickey will be contacting that individual and Dr. D'Agostino will get back to us on that individual and their availability to do a presentation for us next year. Sharon will also look into possibly securing David Kane, or getting a recommendation from him on someone that could present on this topic. Sharon stated she will approach Barri Grossi on doing a presentation on the new IEP forms that will be in effect July 1st. We will look at securing her to present for our SEAC for the 2008-2009 calendar year. Dr. D'Agostino confirmed that Barri Grossi will be doing an in service for Warwick teachers in May. Jessica distributed the flyers for the WSEAC Parent Information Fair for May 7 to all elementary schools for Kindergarten registration week. Flyers will be sent to all of the schools beginning of April. Dr. D'Agostino said Sheila will be putting the flyer on the website. Eve passed around a sign-up sheet for WSEAC members to sign-up to approach an educator, administrator, related service provider to support our Parent Information Fair. Those that signed up will contact Eve or Jessica once they have confirmed their professional. Eve said for the event to be successful we need the support of ALL of the committee members contacting one of their children's teachers, principals, etc. asking them to support our information fair. The committee discussed outside vendors participating at the parent information fair and it was agreed that no outside vendors would be invited to attend, but their informational brochures would be welcomed and distributed if they provide them.

New Business: Dr. D'Agostino will be meeting with the Superintendent and will advocate for the WSEAC's current budget of \$560 to carry over to the next school year for the committee to use for costs associated with guest speaker presentations, or any other WSEAC sponsored activities for the 2008-2009 school year. Eve passed around the current WSEAC membership list for members to confirm the year they joined the WSEAC and to update their contact information. Eve informed the members that Michelle Palermo with the School Support Team Visit contacted her for feedback on the WSEAC's activities for the past year. Eve reviewed with her the WSEAC activities, as well as various issues that were on WSEAC meeting agendas over the year. Dr. D'Agostino also provided update on the School Support Team's visit report. The district is currently reviewing the draft report and will be responding. He reviewed some of the areas of non-compliance the School Support Team noted in their draft report. Dr. D'Agostino reviewed the School Closing Committee's recommendations that were made this week to the School Committee. He strongly urged parents to attend the public hearings to be held March 18 and March 19, 6:00-11:00pm at Vets High School to ask questions and share their concerns. A Decision will be issued March 25th at a special School Committee Meeting.

State Update: Sharon informed the members that the new IEP forms will be available online at the DOE website and she will inform the members when they are available.

School Committee Report: No member from the School Committee was in attendance at this month's meeting.

Membership: Members voted in agreement to accept the membership application submitted by Kristin Batchelor, parent. Dr. D'Agostino will present her application at the next regularly scheduled school committee meeting.

Next meeting date of the WSEAC will be Wed., April 23, 2008, 7pm, Admin Building.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.
Respectfully Submitted By,

Eve Bisard, WSEAC Co-Chair