

Minutes-Naquag SIMCO Meeting

October 19, 2011

In attendance: Dixie Herbst, Principal; Kelly Williamson, Asst. Principal; Teachers: Joann Severance, Kara Chondonnet, Lynn Jordan, Jennifer Lee; Parent Representatives: Kelly Allyn, Christina Allaire; School Committee Liaisons: Julie Kelley & Bob Remillard; Absent: Nancy Gunnard, Gail Pryce and Nicole Kariko.

The meeting was held in Kelly Williamson's office at 4:00 p.m.

*Welcome and introductions

*Minutes from May 11, 2011 were accepted

*Green Repairs will begin end of October with as little impact on kids as possible.

*MCAS scores – very good at Glenwood. Kudos to Naquag for preparing students well. Poor math scores in all middle schools across district. District hopes to hire math coaches to help align middle schools with state curriculum. Julie Kelley proposes to cut foreign language in middle schools to fund coaches.

*Dixie and Kelly spoke about 21st Century Skills Initiative. A 10 year plan to make students career and college ready.

*Thank you to the PTO for flowers out front, staff luncheon, listening center materials, Audubon members coming to train teachers in using the nature trail and funds for grade specific programs.

*Read-a-thon will occur Oct. 27-Nov. 9. There will be prizes, school-wide incentives, pajama day and a reading night all to celebrate the importance of reading.

*Kelly W. shared how Naquag helped to set a world record by reading Llama Llama Red Pajama in all classrooms. Each child received a sticker for being a participant.

*Title 1 – preliminary lists for Title 1 have been formed. Should start Oct. 31. IPADS used in Joann's room. Title 1 is a federally funded program based on free and reduced lunch counts.

*Greenhouse Update- Dave Lussier is finishing up the work. A new roof, glass panels, shelves and a fan have been installed. Still in need of an electrician. Thank you to the Agricultural Commission for funding. A ceremony is in the works to officially open it up for use.

*Strategic Plan-21st Century Common Core Standards. Teachers are looking over – figuring out what they are not doing and making a plan to implement. (finding holes in standards)

*Dixie received \$2300.00 from the needs based budget for having 4 half –day kindergarten classes. Five IPADS were purchased to be used as centers. Will rotate to different classrooms in order to expose all children to technology.

*Veteran's Day assembly will be held on Nov. 9. Second grade will make presentations. Veteran's are invited to attend.