

SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

March 3, 2010

Minutes

Attending: Lynn Gorey, Brian Culot, Beth Lipton, Eleanor Young, Marie Kiely, Mary Sculnick, Elizabeth Fearon, Jeannine Carr, Susan O'Neill; Annmarie Uhl, Juliet Gevargis

Absent: Glenn Spiegelman, Christine Carmody, Kerri McBride

1. Teams presented their revisions of the evaluation component. Each team looked at ways that the document could be better aligned with the district goals. Each team presented reflective comments and the committee had a very productive discussion. Each team will send their document with revisions suggested by the team. We discussed the compacting of the activities column and the who when columns. We will then ask each building to summarize the building initiatives that align with each objective. This work will be presented at the final meeting on **June 1, 2010**. The updated plan will then be presented to the Board of Education.
2. Update: Lynn explained that the March 19th conference day will now be a ½ day for students and a ½ day for teachers. Concern was discussed related to Smartboard training. Different options were considered.
3. Summer In-Service Institute: Lynn shared the initial plan for a summer institute opportunity.
4. My Learning Plan Update: Mary Sculnick described the expanded use of My Learning Plan. For the 2010-2011 school year, the District Catalog will be used to keep a record of all professional learning at a building level and a district level. Mary will set the catalog up with some templates and provide training to clerical staff and administrators.
5. Mini Grants: Discussion centered on how we might use these funds if there aren't enough grants received. A proposal was presented to allow teachers to apply for professional development funds for teachers using the same approach that we use for grants. We will want to see what traditional grants we receive and, if there are funds available, we will pursue the professional development options described. The committee was in support of this plan.