

SOUTH ORANGETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

BLT MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: September 21, 2011

COMMITTEE ATTENDEES:

	Y/N
Karen A. Tesik	Y
Vincent Piscitelli	Y
Ron Scherer	Y
Terri Drexler	N
Karen Mignone	N
Elizabeth Scotson, Alternate Parent	N

	Y/N
Richard Neidhart	Y
Michael Ryan	Y
Stephanie Stehly	Y
Tara Shapiro	Y
Alice Buchanan, At Large	Y

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Evan Karzhevsky

1. **Agenda Item:** Approve the May 25, 2011 minutes

Key Points:

- Motion to approve minutes from May 25, 2011 tabled until the BLT's October 26 meeting.

2. **Agenda Item:** Review BLT Protocol

Key Points:

- Karen Tesik welcomed the members of BLT and thanked them for their service. The committee members then introduced themselves.
- Karen Tesik handed out a packet and reviewed the rules and procedures for BLT, including: monthly meetings, guest participants, setting goals and topics for discussion and the roles of the facilitator and recorder.

Required Actions/Recommendations:

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3. **Agenda Item:** Generate ideas for consideration for this year, prioritize

Key Points:

- A mandatory summer program for students who fail.
- Reviewing the criteria for the Honor Rolls.
- Supporting parents and students use of the Parent Portal and teacher websites.
- Provide regular updates on the status of APPR, Common Core standards implementation, and DASA (Dignity for All Students Act).
- Review policies and possibilities for extra curricular clubs and sports.

Required Actions/Recommendations:

- Discuss the possibility of a webinar tutorial on the parent portal for parents and students.

4. **Agenda Item:** Good News

Key Points:

- Karen Tesik shared this past year, SOMS was first in the county on the NYS ELA exam and to support this achievement we are implementing a school wide writing process with three common writing assessments in our ELA classes.
- Karen Tesik also shared that SOMS had a student earn a 100 on the Earth Science Regents (as well as several 99's) and five 100's on the Integrated Algebra Regents.
- The Science Olympiad team made it to the State competition. Additionally, members of the Math Olympiad also competed at the State level.

Required Actions/Recommendations:

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AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011 (Rescheduled to Nov. 2, 2011):

1. Review process by which 8th graders are evaluated and placed in 9th grade honors classes; when does the process begin; deadlines; how is this communicated to parents and students.
2. Application for new club at SOMS: LBGT / GSA Club

Minutes taken by:

Richard Neidhart

Name

Date

9/21/11