

KARIGON PARTNERSHIP TEAM MINUTES
September 19, 2011
FINAL

Members Present: Matthew Andrus Chris Bernd
 Mary Blaauboer Lisa Fletcher
 Kathy Geary Tina Hurley
 Phyllis Murray Melissa Paquin
 Susan Schmitt Greg Wing

Member Absent: Brigid Jeffers

Our meeting began with Chris Bernd welcoming everyone back for our first KPT meeting of the school year. We all reintroduced ourselves to Matt Andrus, our new parent liaison and welcomed him.

Inspiration: “The ability to convert ideas into things is the secret to outward success.”
– Henry Ward Beecher (submitted by Phyllis Murray)

Review of Minutes: The minutes from our June 20, 2011, meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Susan Schmitt and the minutes were approved.

District Partnership Team (DPT): Lisa Fletcher said she would continue to be our DPT representative and requested a backup in the event she cannot attend a meeting. Melissa Paquin and Matt Andrus agreed to be available as backups.

Board of Education (BOE) Liaison Report: Mary Blaauboer reported on the BOE’s July, August and September meetings. She noted there was no construction over the summer at Shen.

July:

- Reorganizational meeting of the BOE
- Officers elected (Mary Blaauboer and Rick Mincher)
- Liaison assignments finalized
- Code of conduct for board members approved and signed
- Various contracts approved

August:

- Reviewed class size
- District wide we are down 114 students
- Approved district goals for 2011-12
- Refunded bond saving approximately \$1.6 million
- Approved “bare bones” APPR plan
- Recognized several booster groups

- Appointed NYSSBA delegates for October annual business meeting

September 13:

- The Board noted the tremendous amount of community support that was evident with the recent passing of Luke Romano, a Shen senior, and Dr. Matt Curley, a former Shen student
- Accepted generous donations from the community on behalf of Karen Field, a former Shen aide who passed away, and from “Moving Ads” to support the character education and student needs at Arongen
- The first day of school walk through was wet but encouraging as the BOE visited all schools

After her report, Mary Blaauboer excused herself as she had to attend another Partnership Meeting which was also scheduled for today.

Roles/Job Responsibilities:

Greg reviewed our KPT roles and responsibilities.

Leader	Greg Wing
Facilitator	Chris Bernd with Susan Schmitt as backup
Recorder	Kathy Geary alternating with Melissa Paquin
Celebrator	Kathy Geary, Lisa Fletcher, Tina Hurley, Phyllis Murray
Refreshments	Refer to Schedule sent previously by Greg
Coach	Phyllis Murray
DPT Representative	Lisa Fletcher with Matt Andrus and Melissa Paquin as backups
KPT Picnic Coord.	Chris Bernd

Partnership Training: Our training date is set for Thursday, October 6 from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM in the Karigon Multi-Purpose room with Pat Stone. We decided to bring our lunches to avoid wasting time and having a working lunch. Phyllis Murray will not be able to attend the KPT training since she has a previous week long training commitment.

On October 6, we will be reviewing the 2011-2012 District Goals and see how Karigon can align ourselves with these goals. Greg reviewed the packet with us and discussed many of the objectives and action plans. Greg asked us to delve into these goals, be aware of the many programs, and be ready for a discussion on our training day.

Several of the topics we discussed are listed below.

- Providing innovative technologies to support 21st century learning
- Implement the Response to Intervention (RTI) model to provide a consistent continuum of programs and services to meet the needs of all students and improve student performance

- Co-teaching model: the state is going towards co-teaching, we have a hybrid model, which is not a full day.
- Identifying extra-curricular activities that are available at the elementary level. Currently Karigon has Odyssey of the Mind, ice skating, as well as bowling and Kaleidoscope which is in conjunction with the PTA
- Discussions continued on elementary goals vs. middle school and high school rubrics that are being used for the current grading systems

Faculty/Staff Directory Update/Posting on Karigon Website: The updating of the faculty/staff directory came about as a result of Lisa Fletcher's suggestion last year through KPT. Parents are now able to locate their child's teacher's name through the directory.

Old Business: Chris Bernd reported that almost 60 children attended our first "KPT Family Picnic". He appreciated the help the district gave by setting up the tables for a dining area. Chris said it was a manageable amount of people that attended and he had a sound system set up playing music. Everyone was impressed with the amount of staff and teachers that came. In planning for next year, we could have SIS send messages home the week before, flyers could be sent home beginning on the first day of school, and we could have additional announcements over the school's PA system during the first week of school reminding students about the picnic.

New Business: Kathy Geary brought up the "goose poop" problem at Shen and wondered what was being done about it. Several people mentioned it at the picnic and it seemed to be a health hazard.

Greg Wing had new information from Kathy Wettmore, from the district's business office, on KPT finances and he will discuss language with her on accounting procedures for KPT. Until we receive this information, we will have to put our fundraising plans on hold.

It was decided that we will be setting the agenda for our October 24 meeting at our upcoming Oct. 6 meeting.

