

# ***West Islip School District***

## ***Education Committee***

### ***2018-2019***

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## ***Minutes***

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***September 13, 2018***  
***7:15 p.m.***

***District Office ~ Board Conference Room***

Meeting began: 7:15 p.m.

Members: Richard Antoniello, Bernadette Burns, Annmarie LaRosa, Kevin O'Connor, Anne Rullan

Others present: Scott Brady, Steven Gellar, Paul Michaluk,

#### Title I Schools

Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local schools with a percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Federal funds are currently allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state. Oquenock Elementary, Udall Road Middle School, West Islip High School have been identified as Title I Schools due to their poverty rate exceeding 15%.

#### Elementary Literacy Program

The elementary literacy program follows a balanced literacy approach. Classroom teachers will receive additional professional development on the practices and principles for literacy instruction, including a review of classroom organization, the workshop model, and gradual release of responsibility to students. Additional professional development will support standards-based grading with the use of rubrics.

To help kick off the new school year, the West Islip Literacy Lion is conducting visits to all Kindergarten and first grade students. The Literacy Lion is looking for a name and all students in grades K-5 are invited to vote on one of their favorite names. The Literacy Lion share his love of reading and writing and presented a basket of books for students to share.

#### STEM Academy Advisory

The STEM Academy Advisory Committee had their final meeting to make a recommendation to offer a STEM Academy in the 2019-2020 school year. A sequence of coursework has been designed to allow students with strong interest in one of four pathways: Science, Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering. Students in the Academy would end their senior year with

an internship or work-based learning for credit. We hope that this will serve as a model for future academics.

#### Community Service & Involvement Program

The Education Committee reviewed the criteria for students fulfilling the requirement for community service and involvement. The Community Service and Involvement Program (CSIP) has been created in order to promote extracurricular opportunities and to encourage students to become creative, active participants in our school, our community, and our society. Each student at WIHS is a unique individual and has a multitude of talents to offer the school and the community. CSIP fosters continuous involvement, recognition, development, and the affirmation of an individual student's personal worth and ability while fostering civic responsibility. In addition, this program offers a unique opportunity for students to build a résumé of activities and community service for the future.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 p.m.