

Minutes from the West Islip Summit Coalition Meeting December 1, 2008

Present:	Carolyn Agenjo	Scott Craig	Bernie Jones
	Jim Alcus	Michelle Delaney	Gary Koffsky
	Kevin Bartley	Joe Di Carlo	Annmarie LaRosa
	Beth V. Blau	Joe Di Palma	Maryanne McGrath
	Eliot Bloom	Joe Dixon	Dawn Morrison
	Liz Bloom	Tom Federico	Irene Munno
	James Bosse	Steve Flotteron	Maria Pecorale
	Bernadette Burns	Steve Gellar	George Smith
	Jerome Capoccia	Andrew Hamm	Jen Smith
	Angie Carpenter	Ken Hartill	Bill Sorrese

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with introductions by the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Beth Blau, and Board of Education Trustees Steve Gellar and Annmarie LaRosa.

Mr. Gellar made a Powerpoint presentation (available on the district's website) sharing the definition of a community summit and why it is right for West Islip. He also reviewed possible mission statements and committees to be considered.

Discussion then ensued as to the timing of a summit event, immediate and long-term concerns of the community, and which groups, such as the police department and civic organizations, should be invited to become members.

Some of the concerns expressed included the:

- availability of activities for district teens
- physical state of local parks
- district's homestead and state aid rates
- need for proper code enforcement (e.g. graffiti, vandalism)

Dr. Blau read an invitation from County Executive Steve Levy who is holding the first of a series of community forums entitled "We Work For You" on January 14, 2009 at the Touro Law Center, between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Possible representative attendance will be a topic for discussion at the next meeting.

Dr. Blau will also develop a brief questionnaire for members, to elicit short, intermediate, and long-term goals and concerns of member groups, as well as e-mail contact information, website link interest, and recommendations to expand group membership.

The next meeting will be held:

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2009
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beach Street Middle School Library

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM