

SHARED DECISION MAKING TEAM UPDATE

Blind Brook – Rye UFSD
Board of Education Meeting
March 7, 2011

REGULATION 100.11

Purpose

- ▶ The purpose of school-based planning and shared decision making shall be to improve the educational performance of all students in the school, regardless of such factors as socioeconomic status, race, sex, language background, or disability



DISTRICT SDMT

- ▶ Comprised of leaders of the various constituencies: BOE, School, Federation, ABBA, PTA, SRP
- ▶ Reviews school-based team plans
- ▶ Arbitrates when there are conflicts on school-based teams



BUILDING TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

- ▶ Teachers
- ▶ Parents
- ▶ School Related Staff
- ▶ School Administration
- ▶ Students (MS and HS)



SDMT MEMBERS

RSS	BBMS	BBHS
Jacey Taub Nancy Kansler Jen Kitchin	Barbara Ehudin Denise Topkis Rachelle Simon	Wendy Adler Michelle Fishman Fran Miller Lauren Wels
Sue Handsman Anna Fagan Kathy Gerber	Seth Horowitz Cher Treacy Madeleine Salvatore	Edith Cacho Jean Follansbee Marko Markolovic
Debbie Dunham	Seeking Rep	Phyllis Carapella
Deborah Weisel Tracy Taylor	Karen Bronson	Gina Healy Mary Mediate
	Brian Becker (8) Gabi Mondschein (8)	Seth Hartman (9) Elise Szwajkowski (10) Carson Jardine (11) Samantha Steinberg(12)

ROLE OF THE SDM BUILDING TEAM

- ▶ Each school's SDM may assist in the creation of building level goals, monitor existing District goals, and/or work cooperatively with other school or District committees in endeavors which would improve the educational performance of students
- ▶ In addition, the Building SDM may identify issues, suggest strategies, recommend procedures, and evaluate the feasibility to implement programs that enhance and/or improve the educational performance of students in that school



BLIND BROOK HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ Organizational meeting held in February
- ▶ Focus on the school's need to strike the balance between fostering academic rigor while encouraging healthy, well-rounded students
- ▶ Work toward clarification and communication of policies
- ▶ Monthly meetings planned



BLIND BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ **Actions to Enhance Learning**
 - Continuation of last year's goal to broaden student horizons by connections with Port Chester Middle School students
- ▶ **Input and Direction on Middle School Topics**
 - Last year: Backpacks, Outdoor Ed. Trip format
 - This year: Activity Period Procedures
- ▶ **What's Going On?**
 - A component of every meeting
- ▶ **Increased Student Involvement This Year**

RSS SDMT focused on supporting students ...to be curious, compassionate and strong in their ability to face challenges.

- ▶ Toolkit for Kids
- ▶ Mediation –4th graders
- ▶ CD Project

ANY QUESTIONS?

