



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

BOE Meeting Summary

April 23, 2009

1. Director of Technology, Bob Wihnyk and Technology teacher, Mary Hill, gave an update on the latest developments in the technology department. They focused on advancements in technology and their potential in terms of educational instruction. In addition, they highlighted some of the technology equipment currently utilized by our students enabling activities such as podcasts, vodcasts,



video-conferencing, text messaging, and the use of social networking sites such as ning.com and twitter.com for educational purposes.

2. Middle School Principal Marc Ferris along with many MS teachers presented a new web concept recently launched internally over the internet called E3 (Everyone Learns, Everyone Matters, Everyone Cares) utilizing ning.com technology and free services. They explained that it allows teachers to communicate with one another instantly (e.g., share lesson plans, academic information, videos, charts or discuss thoughts on recent meetings.) Ultimately, this technology will be available to middle school students.



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CJ Osman and Anna Fagin of North Shore High School recently were recognized by the Board of Education for their recent achievements in the New York State Science and Engineering Fair (NYSSEF) research competition. CJ placed first in his category of Behavioral Sciences, and Anna Fagin placed third. Many thanks to Mr. Seth Klein who skillfully guided both students in the research process and helped them with their presentations at the NYSSEF competition.

4. Additionally, the before/aftercare program was re-awarded to Laurie Petroske who currently manages these services at North Shore Elementary and Middle Schools.

The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please contact Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick at 516-277-7801 or email him at melnicke@northshoreschools.org. Additionally, for the latest budget information, please visit the district website at www.northshoreschools.org including the Q&A section on district homepage.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes from April 23, 2009 at www.northshoreschools.org. Complete BOE Minutes are available in the Central Office.)