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Sherry Hingley - SBE's New Principal for 2007-2008!

by Tamera Blodgett



An in-house choice pleases community and students alike...

The current teacher for grades 4th through 8th grades, Sherry Hingley, has been chosen for the Principal/Teaching position for the 2007-2008 school year. This decision was made following a much-publicized interview process that took place on the 15th of March. During this interview, in which Ms. Hingley was the only candidate physically present (the two other candidates were simultaneously interviewed telephonically), a series of 16 questions were asked without candidate foreknowledge. The candidates off-the-cuff responses were a crucial part of determining who the best choice would be for this challenging position. While the other

Superintendent, Dr. Donna Peterson. This position brings with it greater stability. Teaching positions at the Borough are annually renewed based on budgetary constraints. A Borough teacher is not retained permanently until they are tenured. That does not happen until their fourth year of teaching! It is hard to entice new teachers without a definitive hope of a continued job. SBE is looking at a 1.5 teacher cut for 2007-2008 and Hingley may have been on that list. In May SBE should find out if it has Title II money. This funding is what supported the two, half-time positions that are currently being taught by Paul Chissus (Vo-Tech) and Damara Burnett (Language Arts). Title II Funding received would allow additional instruction for next year (non-Polycom).

A terrific progression...

interviewees were selected based on their experience and abilities, Hingley came out the clear choice.

Bringing a boatload of experience...

Ms. Hingley brings to Susan B. English her impressive 26-year accumulative teaching experience. She has a Masters with a focus on Technology, which will help in the teaching diversity needed at SBE. A mother of five, with a home school background as well, is a definite asset with student rapport.

Seldovia is swell...

The Hingleys had their fingers crossed for the chance to seek a permanent place here in Seldovia. Now that they are here to stay they can move forward with their life and out of "limbo." With regard to longevity of the principal position, it is based on a yearly contract. Each year, the principal position is up for an annual renewal based on evaluation from the Borough

Hingley is excited about diversifying her role at SBE and in her life. She looks forward to the administrative position and will use her summer break to travel back to school to complete her administrative degree. The SBE schedule is always decided late due to indefinite staffing and student numbers. Tentatively, it looks like Hingley will still be working in a limited capacity with the 4th through 8th graders and teaching an elective for the high school set. In her last question during the interview, she was asked if she had anything to say to the community. Hingley said, "I'm here, and I like Seldovia." This is exactly what Seldovia needed, a known commodity that works for the school and the community and is motivated to stay, providing continuity and stability for our future generation. Congratulations!



Monte and Sherri Hingley.
Monte is currently employed at the Main St. Market and is also a multi-talented individual.

