

Student Achievement Committee

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Student Achievement Committee met on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut.

Committee members present: Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Roraback
Other Board members present: Mr. Moore
Administration Present: Mrs. DiMaggio, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Ms. Manning, Director of Organizational Development; Mrs. Heckler, Brewster School Principal

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes – April 17, 2017

On a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the minutes of April 17, 2017 were unanimously approved as presented.

Curriculum: Update on core curriculum areas; CRHS interdisciplinary courses; STEAM

Mrs. DiMaggio, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, presented a packet to the members containing her slide presentation on “Curriculum and Instruction”. Through listening, gathering, organizing, and reflecting, she identified science (next generation science standards), math K-12, social studies (C3 Frameworks and the Four Dimensions), STEAM pre-K-12, and interdisciplinary courses at the high school (NEASC) as areas of need.

Her recommendations include: Development of a Curriculum Council to determine what curriculum is in place and where to go from there; a consistent curriculum template; professional learning on writing curriculum; building leadership capacity; addressing assessment literacy; ensuring accountability through District and School Learning Plans as well as Student Learning Outcomes.

Mrs. DiMaggio then reviewed where the district is with science from 2016 to 2018; where are we going from 2017 to 2019. Committee members examined “A New Vision for Science and Education” which outlined changes to instruction from rote memorization to application of learning and detailed specific examples of what instruction would look like. Committee members were provided with resources to acquire additional understanding.

Mrs. DiMaggio then reviewed the areas of math, social studies, and STEAM, in the same manner.

Instruction: Workshop Model; STEAM

Discussion included an update on the Reader's and Writer's Workshop Model; Math Workshop Model; and the development of Data Teams. Short videos were shown to showcase the Reader's Workshop Model and the Math Workshop Model.

Assessment: SBAC Growth Model; SAT; CAPT and CMT Science

The Committee examined test results; test scores and growth data were explained. As the district continues to assess students and gather additional data, the need for a central data storage base arises. Also, Strong School does not have the same academic supports in place as the elementary schools and Memorial School.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.