

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Curriculum and Achievement Committee

October 16, 2012

Committee members present: Merrill Adams, Joseph Ochterski, Elizabeth Gara

Administrators present: Susan Viccaro, Linda Berry

Other Board members present: none

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

Public comment: No public present

Approval of agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda, Dr. Ochterski seconded by Ms. Gara. Unanimous approval.*

Approval of minutes: *Motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Ochterski seconded by Ms. Gara. Unanimous approval.*

There was a discussion of these follow-up items:

- *A motion was made by Dr. Ochterski, seconded by Ms. Gara to send Psychology and Algebra for Geometry curricula for approval by the full Board of Education. Unanimously approved.*
- Ten staff members are being sent to ACES for professional development on Common Core at a cost of \$13,600.
- Dr. Berry provided standard deviation and z-score information for District CMT and CAPT scores with reference to DRG C. District scores had a z-score of greater than 1.5 below the mean of other DRG districts for: Math in grades 4 and 5, writing in grade 8 and reading and writing in grade 10. These will be priorities for improved achievement.
- Mrs. Viccaro will make model organization charts for the C and A committee.

There was a brief discussion of the Common Core meeting for parents to take place on October 23. The presentation will focus on what will be different with Common Core.

Principals will be invited in to discuss their School Improvement Plans.

Planning began for an evaluation of all day kindergarten. It should take place around May, and include how to implement transition into kindergarten for students, pros and cons for all day kindergarten from parents who have had students in both programs, information from current kindergarten teachers, how socialization and play have changed, and early identification of students with special needs. There should be a questionnaire for about transition available for parents at the November parent teacher meetings. Feedback from parents has been positive, so far.

The C and A committee would like to see the NEASC strengths and needs report being prepared at the high school to help with budget planning and to digest for the full Board.

The next meeting is November 20, 2012. Subsequent meetings will be regularly scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm.

Motion for adjournment: *Motion to adjourn by Dr. Ochterski, second by Ms. Gara at 5:45pm. Unanimous approval.*

Submitted by Joseph Ochterski