

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Curriculum and Achievement Committee

November 20, 2012

Committee members present: Merrill Adams, Joseph Ochterski, Eileen Buckheit

Administrators present: Susan Viccaro, Linda Berry, Thomas Ford, Laurie Sinder, Nancy Heckler (4:45)

Other board members present: Kerrie Flanagan (5:05)

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

Public comment: No public present

Approval of the consent agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda, Dr. Ochterski seconded by Mrs. Buckheit. Unanimous approval.*

There was a discussion of the School Improvement Plans at John Lyman School, Korn School and Brewster School. The discussion began with the plans for math at the elementary schools, focusing on an increased emphasis on student number sense. The ExtraMath web site is being used to help improve student mastery of math facts. Further, there will be end of year assessments to discover which students need additional development over the summer, possibly through take home packets.

Discussion then turned to the literacy improvement plans. Both Brewster and Korn Schools are currently implementing the Daily 5 and Cafe programs. These are programs to foster student independence, comprehension, accuracy and fluency in reading. As students become more independent, teachers will have more time available for one to one and small group interactions. Together, these programs are similar to the Readers' Workshop at John Lyman School.

At John Lyman School and Korn Schools, remedial resources have been reassigned to target reading in grades 3 and 4.

The next meeting is December 18, 2012 at 4:00pm.

Motion for adjournment: *Motion to adjourn by Dr. Ochterski, second by Mrs. Buckheit at 5:52pm. Unanimous approval.*

Submitted by Joseph Ochterski