

**Regional District 13  
Board of Education  
Student Achievement Committee  
March 30, 2016**

Committee members present: Merrill Adams, Victor Friedrich, Anthony Onofreo, Kerrie Flanagan  
Board members present: Robert Moore  
Administration present: Linda Berry, Kathryn Veronesi

On a motion from Dr. Friedrich and seconded by Dr. Onofreo, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of the Agenda:** On a motion from Dr. Friedrich and seconded by Dr. Onofreo, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes:** On a motion from Dr. Friedrich and seconded by Dr. Onofreo, the minutes were approved.

**Review of Winter Screening Data:** Dr. Berry reviewed the template that the district will be using in order to organize and make comparisons between various data sets. Dr. Berry reviewed the Winter Benchmark Assessment Results. Kindergarten students take the formal assessment for the first time. The percentages indicated are the percentage of students who are at or above benchmark.

Dr. Berry reviewed the STAR benchmark Average Student Growth Percentile. Members of the committee asked questions about the relationship between percentile scores and the SGP. This data is helpful at different levels for different groups of people.

Dr. Friedrich talked about the phenomenon of growth when students are performing at the highest levels. Our work with Renaissance Learning allows us to work with 3 Data Coaches. Each school has the opportunity to work with a data coach 3 times per year to ask questions and learn more about how to examine and understand data.

Dr. Berry discussed the relationship between STAR data and the SBAC and the fact that the predictive validity is improving between both measures. Want to make sure that our formative assessments are an accurate predictor of our summative assessment.

Dr. Berry and Dr. Veronesi discussed the importance of having a data warehouse and having someone who can be responsible for "mining" the data. Dr. Friedrich said it is critical to have someone who knows the questions to ask and knows how to use the program to get the answer. Dr. Berry talked about the fact that the district purchased Inform several years ago for this purpose.

Dr. Berry explained to the committee the purpose of DIBELS.

Dr. Veronesi and Dr. Berry talked about the process within the district of examining data at the administrative, school, grade level and classroom level. The work is very exciting and takes time to build expertise so that administrators have the skill to support this work at the department and school level.

**Update on SAT Administration and SBAC Testing:** Dr. Berry responded to a question about how we are predicted to perform on the SBAC. Although we have piloted the IAB (Interim Assessment Block) we are uncertain about how well these assessments will predict how these students will perform.

Dr. Berry reviewed the SBAC testing including the elimination of the ELA performance task and one of the math tasks and test schedules:

Strong Middle School: After April vacation  
Korn, Lyman, Memorial: May

Dr. Berry reviewed the changes in SAT. Many students talked about the increased rigor for both the PSAT and SATs. Our PSAT scores remained essentially the same despite having all students take the test rather than having only students who chose to take the test.

**Update on pilot of CRHS graduation competencies and rubrics:** Dr. Berry updated the committee on the CRHS graduation competencies and new graduation requirements, and rubrics. Mr. Falcone would like to wait to modify the graduation competencies so that they are aligned with the new graduation requirements. The committee discussed the importance of authentic learning and the importance of choice and exploring interests. Weighted grade changes will begin with next year's incoming 9th graders. Dr. Veronesi will ask Brian Falcone to send the weighting designation that he reviewed with the committee last year. She will forward to the committee.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Dr. Friedrich and seconded by Dr. Onofreo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.