

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Student Achievement Committee Minutes
May 18, 2016

Committee members present: Merrill Adams, Victor Friedrich, Anthony Onofreo, Kerrie Flanagan
Absent: Raffaella Fronc
Others present: Bob Moore, Brian Falcone, Kathryn Veronesi

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of the Agenda: On a motion by Dr. Friedrich, seconded by Dr. Onofreo, the agenda was amended to add the following: 1. PLC Progress update, 2. New Science Standard Status, 3. NGSS – List of proposed workshops, 4. Status Outdoor Education. On a motion by Dr. Friedrich, second by Dr. Onofreo, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes: On a motion from Dr. Friedrich, seconded by Dr. Onofreo, the minutes of March 30, 2016 were approved.

Course Pilots Review of 2015/16: Mr. Falcone provided a summary of the course pilots offered for the 2015/16 school year. He summarized student enrollment and identified which classes generated the most student interest and participation. Depending on 2015/16 enrollment and 2016/17 student interest, some classes will not be offered in 2016/17. Certain AP and UConn courses are offered on a rotating basis in order to insure that all students have an opportunity to take many classes and to maintain adequate enrollment in these courses. (See Handouts distributed at the meeting.)

Results of new SAT scores: Mr. Falcone led a discussion of most recent SAT scores. Comparative data on results are not yet available. A summary of RSD13 scores was provided and discussion pursued regarding the scores and the actions to be taken to work toward improvements, especially in the area of math. (See SAT score summary.)

PLC Progress Update: Dr. Veronesi shared a short video identifying the progress on PLC implementation in our District. She shared the process employed by a recent “fishbowl” meeting, commenting that it was instructive and well received by all participating staff members. The PLC process has been embraced in our district and is proving to be very effective as a protocol for evaluating assessment results and developing collaborative efforts to address individual class and student needs at all grade levels.

New Science Standard Status: Dr. Veronesi provided an update on the progress of new science standards and provided a list of workshops underway to assist in the development and implementation of science standards.

Status on Outdoor Education: Dr. Veronesi discussed the status of Outdoor Education given the retirement of Lori Martin. This course will be modified to complement the new science standards. The teaching position will be filled by a certified staff member and transferred from a non-union central office staff position to a certified union position as appropriate. This will not result in an increase in headcount.

Also discussed was the Teachers College where further progress is being made on Reading units and STEM implementation.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Adjournment: On a motion by Dr. Onofreo, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerrie Flanagan