

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Curriculum/Achievement Committee
Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Committee Members Present: Merrill Adams, chair, Betsy Gara, Joe Ochterski,
Other Board Members: Kerrie Flanagan
Administrators: Linda Berry, Susan Viccaro

The committee reviewed test scores as presented at the last BOE meeting. Linda will further research the natural variance/standard deviation of the scores as compared to our DRG. Disaggregated scores comparing Korn and Lyman were explained.

A discussion followed on ways to improve instruction and learning. Several solutions were proposed such as:

1. Having better coordination between levels by using K-12 coordinators who analyze data and implement action plans among schools.
2. Providing more coaching modeling for teachers using teachers with reading specialties while literacy tutors work with students.
3. Providing professional development for some high school departments on reading in their disciplines.
4. Having teacher evaluation/improvement plans related to student outcome data and the teachers' perceived needs in reading.
5. Changing electives in the high school to include more AP courses and possibly adding other courses to address weaknesses.
6. Using Power School more effectively by having someone dedicated to input and analysis to provide more data to classroom teachers.
7. Making good use of ACES where action plans and measurable results are part of teacher training in the Common Core.

It was decided that a district organizational chart would be helpful to the committee to ascertain what personnel other than classroom teachers are available to support instruction and where they are utilized.

It was further decided to support the administration in holding parent informational sessions about the Common Core. The first parent night is October 23 at 7pm in the auditorium at Coginchaug for parents of children in K-5.

The next meeting of the C&A committee is October 16 at 4-6 in Linda's office.
Homework: review the last elective curriculum in Psychology. Review the proposed mission and goals of the committee and make suggestions. Bring your calendar to set up monthly meetings (proposed date is the third Tuesday of each month).

Merrill Adams