

Seventh Meeting
April 11, 2013
Time: 2:15pm
Place: NRHS Library

Attendees:

Jon Bernard, Principal
Anthony Loprete, Assistant Principal
Michele Reardon, Parent Representative
Brett Kunze, Brian McAuliffe, Teacher Representatives
Mr. Patrick Daly, Director of Academic Services
Ms. Rose Stadig, Student Support Specialist

Jon Bernard motioned to have the minutes from the last meeting accepted. Michele Reardon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Daly, Director of Academic Services presented on the needs for academic departments in 2013-14.

- 1) Increase technology including "SMART" rooms with model space that has equipment and technology that the teachers can begin to use and implement in consideration for purchase and installation in the new high school
- 2) The department plans on continuing to increase iPad capabilities and is determining what technology will be best suited for new facilities.
- 3) Increase support and enhance professional development. The staff is continuing to work on "SMART" goals and Educator Evaluation Model workshops. Teachers have attended a variety of workshops in the area.
- 4) There is a professional development website and is intended to help with greater transparency with parents and families.

Ms. Rose Stadig, Student Support Services presented on the needs of the Special Education Department in the upcoming year:

- 1) The department would like to continue with professional development necessary to support the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and the Common Core
- 2) Professional development needs to continue in areas of assessment, specific accommodations, collaboration, and student plans.
- 3) Department will need to continue professional development in the inclusion model. Proper training in inclusion is necessary and past workshops have been successful. Recommendations made by the Walker Partnerships consultant included smaller class sizes and common planning time.
- 4) Professional development is needed to help students with special educational needs with emphasis on transitions and benchmarks. The department will need to continue training staff to help students with opportunities for post graduate vocational programs.
- 5) The department continues to grow the language based program.
- 6) Technology, including increasing and adding iPad carts to classrooms is also needed.
- 7) Continued support of the Transition Academy within the school community is needed. It would be beneficial for the program to have a van for the extensive community outreach that is part of the program as well as access to a kitchen for the program which currently is not available.

Other Business:

- 1) High School Accreditation Self-Study continues on track with individual committees meeting regularly. Next Early Release/Professional Development meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th.
- 2) Secondary school building: Deficit has been addressed with the passing of additional funds on March 22, 2013. Principle Bernard will be looking at furniture for new facilities next week.
- 3) 2014 budget on track and there are no cuts in staffing anticipated.
- 4) Mass Youth Health Survey is to take place at the high school and the middle school on April

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Next Meeting: May 16, 2013: 2:15pm

Jon Bernard offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm: the motion was seconded by Michele Reardon. Motion passed unanimously.