

Special Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2014

Current Board Chair: Adrienne Deussing

Administrative Staff Present: David Lieberman, Steve Yanni, Dr. Boccuti

Committee Members Present: Nancy Lawson, Patricia Reidy, Gabrielle Dorsam

Public Present: Stephanie Marrone, Gary Kirsch, Steven Coppens

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Adrienne Deussing

Minutes from March 20th SEC meeting were approved: motion was made by Nancy Lawson and second by David Lieberman. All members approved.

Committee Liaison Updates:

Facilities: Mr. Lieberman commented that the administration again presented the Campus Revitalization Plan at the recent School Board meeting held on May 5th.

Policy: Mr. Lieberman stated that the Field Trip policy was revised. The Policy Committee is also looking into moving policy forward regarding online credits and MBIT credits for graduation. Mrs. Lawson expressed concern with anxiety kids may have regarding other students that have to pick partners for trips. She also expressed concern regarding cell phones carried by some students on field trips, as others may not have phones.

Finance: Mrs. Deussing gave an update of the Finance Committee and that the committee discussed the Adopted Preliminary budget, the budget for 2014-15 and financing options.

Curriculum: Mr. Yanni gave an update of items to be discussed at the next Curriculum Committee including Being a Writer, Literacy by Design, and Middle School and High School math and language revisions.

New Business:

Review of December 1st data regarding implementation of co-teaching: Mr. Lieberman gave a three year snapshot of data showing improvement in classroom as a result of co-teaching. Mr. Kirsch asked about feedback regarding co-teaching. Mr. Lieberman stated that we will be placing teachers appropriately for 2014-15, i.e. teachers that want to be in co-taught classrooms together. Mr. Lieberman also stated that they will be rolling out a co-teaching survey similar to the gifted survey that previously went out.

2014-15 staffing update: Mr. Lieberman then gave an update as to projected staffing needs for the 14-15 school year.

Status of BCBA and gifted survey results: Mr. Lieberman shared the results of the BCBA survey to be included in the June 2nd Board meeting. Mr. Lieberman expressed time constraints in trying to prepare the gifted survey results in time for the June 2nd board meeting as well. Mrs. Marrone stressed the importance of sharing the results with gifted teachers and other staff members/principals so that appropriate planning can be made for the Fall 2014 school year.

Chapter 16 Roundtable event: Mr. Lieberman shared that a listserv regarding Chapter 16 discussions went out for anyone interested.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.