

CHS School Improvement Team

Minutes to meeting held November 5, 2009, at 2:05 p.m.

Members in attendance: Sue Auger (parent), Donna Beaudoin, Marc Blevins, Linda Caparrelli, Joe Fagnoli, Mike Hobin, Amanda Hoskins (student), Christine Hoskins, Arthur Lisi, Bill Lyons, Jim Murphy, Dolores O'Rourke, Amy Zenion

- 2:15 Chairperson Amy Zenion calls meeting to order
- Arthur Lisi states guidance department has been busy with the following:
 - o Guidance presentation to PTSA
 - o Advisory work (including Individual Learning Plans)
 - o Curriculum and lesson plans (yes, lesson plans)
 - o Transferring NECAP scores to transcripts
 - o Compiling information for personalization segment in upcoming Commissioner's Review
 - o Working with Amy Zenion to identify students eligible for URI's Talent Development program. Thirty-six CHS students met with an Assistant Director of TD last week.
- Commissioner's Review has replaced SALT visits. Review panels will consist of members from RIDE and principals from area schools. Focus of visits will be graduation regulations, particularly in the areas of ELA and math standards.
- Question is raised asking if PBGR/graduation requirements are different in each district, how valid can Commissioner Review visits be?
- Question is followed up by acknowledgement that CHS still does not have a clear definition of what constitutes "proficient" in terms of assessing student work across the disciplines.
 - ELA still in need of a leader for sub-committee
 - Zenion requests that SIT sub-committees be able to meet during CPT. Hobin says OK, as long as meetings pertain to teaching and learning.
 - Question raised as to why Steering Committee is listed as a sub-committee (for PBGR implementation) on the School Improvement Team, when membership is not open to entire faculty.
 - Mr. Hobin agrees to survey faculty to determine if there is interest in serving on Steering Committee. Would embrace fresh perspectives from faculty members.
 - Steering Committee currently meets during period 4. Concern is raised that this could limit involvement solely to those who have their prep period 4.
 - Some committee members still need to nominate students for Advisory sub-committee. First meeting with students tentatively scheduled for November 30th during academic lab.
 - CHS hosting Principals' Meeting on December 17th. Commissioner Gist expected to attend. Will discuss educational finances in the State of Rhode Island.
 - Next SIT meeting scheduled for December 3rd, at 2:05.
 - 3:00 p.m. Meeting adjourns

Respectfully submitted,

Marc S. Blevins, substituting for Lisa Masse