

Minutes of the Planning Committee of the Board of Education
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A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on January 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were Dr. Robert Cronin, Jay Hubelbank, Kim Gallo, committee members: Linda Bulvanoski, Charles Cosgriff, Monica Gati, Steve Sordi and student observer Chris Mooney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room by Linda Bulvanoski.

Melinda McKenna updated the committee on the progress being made in implementing Bethlehem Elementary School's 2008-2009 School Improvement Plan. Topics discussed were literacy, mid-year conferences, writing prompts, the math coach's role and time spent at B.E.S., the incorporation of literacy into the science program, and positive school culture. Mrs. McKenna reported that the "One School, One Read" program will take place in March and will provide for a home/school and community connection by asking for volunteer readers for the students.

Mrs. McKenna is planning to meet with grade level teams with feedback from parent/forum coffees.

Kindergarten registration will take place in February with screening to take place in the spring. Mrs. McKenna also presented information on the advanced preparedness of all day Kindergarten students entering First Grade in comparison to a half day program. She reported that students' reading and writing levels were higher and that their educational program differed from the former First Grade program. Mrs. McKenna and the committee discussed shortening the Kindergarten transition period.

The committee discussed the following items:

1. High School Music- Mrs. Gallo presented two proposals from Mr. Culup suggesting ways in which music students could earn level 2 credit in music. Currently the only students earning level 2 credits are students enrolled in Private Music Lessons. Committee member, Monica Gati suggested a third option. Mrs. Gallo will continue to explore these options with Mr. Culup and will report back to the Planning Committee at their February meeting.
2. The Committee expressed some questions and concerns about the use of school buildings for private music lessons and tutoring. Their questions and concerns will be passed on to the Facilities Committee.
3. Dr. Cronin presented his Organizational Plan to the committee. The committee discussed his plan and offered a few suggestions. Dr. Cronin will take these suggestions into consideration, modify the plan as he deems necessary, and will be ready to present the plan to the Board and Public at the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Linda Bulvanoski at 5:22 p.m.

Submitted,

Linda Bulvanoski

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