

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 April 1, 2010 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were Dr. Robert Cronin, and committee members Linda Bulvanoski, Monica Gati and Steve Sordi. Debbie Corsico was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Conference Room by Linda Bulvanoski.

The four agenda items discussed were as follows:

- An update on the progress being made in Professional Development on and Implementation of the BEST Practice *Activating Prior Knowledge* used to improve classroom instruction.
- A Curriculum writing update: the task of writing the high school curricula that are left to be re-written has been divided between Lori Ferreira, Jose Martinez, Nadine Pratt and Nicole Cowles with Nadine assisting Lori and Nicole assisting Jose. All re-written curricula are aligned with the identified learner expectations provided from the NEASC. The remaining curricula, (World Language, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, Geometry and Vet Science) will be completed over the summer. Monica Gati asked Dr. Cronin if he had heard any news about school systems changing the year that Physics is offered. Dr. Cronin said that he would look into it. Monica also said that she would contact the Taft School because she thought they were making the change.
- The Superintendent's Network of which Dr. Cronin is a member, will visit Region 14 on May 19th to observe Dr. Cronin's *Theory of Action* in practice. How do the tools that the administrative council are be provided with get from the administrators to the teachers with the end result being improved student achievement? The site visit will be made to Woodbury Middle School as Alice Jones and Eric Bergeron have been leaders in the process. The Network will return for a second visit in October.
- Approvals: Dr. Cronin shared a chemistry textbook selection with the committee pending approval from the full board. If approved it will be used in level 1 chemistry classes next year along with additional enrichment materials and will be used in level 1 and level 2 classes the following year. A brief discussion followed about the current trend in education of collapsing levels and providing more differentiation in the classroom. Committee members have mixed feelings about the trend. Dr. Cronin also shared a proposal from the World Language Dept. for a Trip to Rome and Florence Italy in April of 2011. The all inclusive cost would be \$3500.00 per student. A minimum of 15 students are needed.

The meeting was adjourned by Linda Bulvanoski at 5:03 p.m.

Submitted,
Linda Bulvanoski
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