

Minutes of the Planning Committee of the Board of Education  
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November 5, 2009

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

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

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

Dr. Cronin updated the committee on two of the four District Initiatives for 2009-2010.

**Student Consultation Teams:** are a resource for classroom teachers to use when a student appears to be experiencing difficulty with the core general education curriculum. The focus will be on:

- Using Scientific Research-Based Interventions
- These interventions are intended to be implemented by the classroom teacher initially. These interventions will be available to all students, general or special education.
- The Special Education Staff will serve as a resource for classroom teachers.
- Differentiation of instruction within the general classroom will be a critical component of the Scientific Research-Based Interventions.
- Currently the Region has formed a District Level Student Consultation Team composed of the administration from each school and the Region's Curriculum Coordinators.
- The District Level Team is receiving training so that the representatives from each school hear the same message. This group will plan for the roll-out of Student Consultation Teams and usage of Scientific Research-Based Interventions throughout the entire District.
- The timeline established for implementation of the teams in each school is by the start of the new school year.

**Instructional Coaching:** An instructional coach is an on-site professional developer who partners with teachers to identify and assist with the implementation of proven teaching methods.

- Region 14's Coaches are all of their Curriculum Coordinators, Elementary Level Lead Teachers, Middle School Team Leaders, and High School Department Heads.
- Instructional Coaching will be directly tied to the Student Consultation Team process because coaches will be available in each school to assist teachers in the implementation of some of these Scientific Research-Based Interventions.
- Coaches will provide a number of services in each school or department from modeling a practice, observing a teacher's practice at the teacher's request as a "critical friend," reviewing student performance data and student work with a teacher, and discussing alternative approaches to instruction.
- As more and more demands are placed on teachers, coaches will be a resource they can use to examine their practices and explore alternatives. They are intended to be a *non-evaluative* help to teachers in the classroom.

Dr. Cronin also suggested that the Board look into creating a policy regarding acceptable graduate level certification programs.

The meeting was adjourned by Linda Bulvanoski at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted,

Linda Bulvanoski

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