

MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Life Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Members Present: Dr. Marie Galinski, Assistant Superintendent;
Ms. Annemarie Cesa; Ms. Maria Decker; Mr. David Manzi;
Mr. Joe Clement; Ms. Amy Pasquarello; Dr. Beverly Dolinsky;
Ms. Rachel Konaxis; Ms. Samantha Rosenberg

Members Absent: Mr. Aaron Swiniuch

Also in Attendance: Mr. Paul Manzo; Mr. James Latter; Ms. Sue Charochak;
Mr. Matt Poska; Ms. Jen Flewelling; Ms. Barbara Vienneau

Ms. Cesa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, November 1, 2006

Action Item: A copy of the minutes from the Wednesday, November 1, 2006 meeting was distributed to the committee.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Decker moved and Ms. Pasquarello seconded to approve the minutes from the Wednesday, November 1, 2006 meeting.

So Voted

11 Progress Reports for School Improvements

North Beverly Elementary School Progress Report

Ms. Flewelling distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan for North Beverly Elementary School. The plan focused on maintaining and improving English Language Arts and math scores on MCAS to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals. Ms. Flewelling reported that North Beverly Elementary School met AYP for 2006.

Ayers Ryal Side Elementary School Progress Report and Amendment

Ms. Charochak distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan for Ayers Ryal Side Elementary School. Ms. Charochak reported that even though there were specific gains at Ayers, they did not meet the requirements for AYP for 2006 which are reflected in the amendment. Ms. Charochak stressed the accomplishments made during the 2005-2006 school year and strategies for the goals they have set for the upcoming year.

Briscoe Middle School Progress Report and Amendment

Mr. Poska distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan for Briscoe Middle School. Mr. Poska reported that Briscoe did not meet the requirements for AYP for 2006 in math subgroups (Special Education Students and Low Income Students). He noted that Briscoe was notified in November that it had been placed in Corrective Action by the Department of Education due to the fact that this is their fourth year to not make AYP for its subgroups.

Mr. Poska distributed a copy of the School Improvement Plan Amendment Narrative Report in which initiatives are addressed for improving student achievement in math in the subgroups.

Mr. Poska distributed a copy of a letter that is being sent home with students. The letter points out that originally Briscoe's preliminary MCAS results in September did not place them in the Corrective Action category. The letter explains that since then Briscoe has been placed in the Corrective Action category. The letter also explains steps being taken to address the accountability status.

III Cycle IV Adequate Yearly Progress Report

Dr. Galinski distributed a copy of the Beverly Public Schools Cycle IV "AYP" Determinations. She presented a Power Point Presentation of the document. The document showed how students' MCAS results factored into AYP determinations. The report explained performance targets, AYP groups, criteria for making AYP, the status of the district and individual schools, accountability, required actions, and the next steps to be taken to maintain adequate yearly progress in the years to come.

IV Policies

Action Item: A copy of the policy on Children and Adolescents with HIV/AIDS in School Settings was distributed to the committee.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Ms. Pasquarello and seconded by Dr. Dolinsky to approve the Policy on Children and Adolescents with HIV/AIDS in School Settings.

So Voted

Action Item: A copy of the policy on Staff Ethics was distributed to the committee.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Ms. Decker and seconded by Dr. Galinski to approve the Policy on Staff Ethics.

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Action Item: A copy of the policy on Compensatory Tutoring was distributed to the committee.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Clement and seconded by Dr. Dolinsky to approve the policy on Compensatory Tutoring.

So Voted

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The next meeting for the Standing Committee on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Life is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Annemarie Cesa, M.Ed.
Chairperson Beverly School Committee