

Suffield Board of Education
Teaching & Learning Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2017

Present: Brian Hendrickson, Jeanne Gee, Lori D'Ostuni, Natalie Semyanko, Ramsey Binnington, Jack Ferraro, Ashley Molden, Steve Moccio, Brendan Canny, Gina Olearczyk, Jeanine Rose, Ester Dattey, Tim Kinel, Steve Autieri, Chris Cosma, Mike Bosworth

I. Call to Order 8:08 a.m.

II. Course Proposals for Suffield High School

The Subcommittee:

1. Reviewed course proposals for Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B.
2. Discussed the costs for resources and curriculum writing for each course.
3. Discussed the impact this will have on future success of students that struggle in math.
4. Determined to move the courses to full BoE for January 17, 2017 meeting.

III. Intervention Update

1. Reviewed by grade level, the number of students identified for Tier 2 and 3 interventions in Math, ELA and Behaviors.
2. Schools moving interventions from reactive to proactive.
3. Intervention numbers do not include students needing Tier 1 Intervention.
4. McAlister is monitoring progress every 2 - 3 weeks.
5. Spaulding and McAlister are working to align intervention assessments from Spaulding to McAlister.
6. SMS is targeting basic skills, pulling students from unified arts time, and using flex time to work with more students. Staff is flat out (over-scheduled) on time.
7. SHS is moving from interventions that are reactive to proactive. Data on D's and F's was shared with percentages in the areas of Ag students, 504 plans, special education and open choice students were received. Also shared was the percentage of students in academic courses with D's and F's. Addressed beginning changes this year in process.
8. Schools shared assessments used to determine intervention level and their continual work to improve the assessments being used.
9. Committee agrees that there is a great need to improve Tier I instruction

IV. Athletics update

Mike Bosworth updated the subcommittee on the following:

1. The diversified interscholastic program at SHS - currently have 45 teams in 29 sports.
2. Student athletes are expected to maintain positive standing in the school community.
3. Team captains should be role models for their teammates.
4. All coaches are role models for athletes.
5. SHS offers opportunities for the development of leadership of our student athletes.
6. SHS is looking to increase participation opportunities for all students - such as girl's ice hockey, unified soccer and basketball.
7. SHS is working to develop a sense of community among sports teams.
8. SHS is working on creating a safer environment for student athletes.
9. SHS is working to improve sportsmanship among athletes.
10. SHS is working to improve athletic facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.