

**AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
DISTRICT PRESENTATION ROOM
September 17, 2009, 5:30 PM**

Minutes

Members in attendance: Joe Abbatiello, Dr. Julie Cooper Altman, Dr. John Brady, Dr. Charles Britton, Diane Crocco, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Thomas Hurley, Mary Raiola, Robert Slie, Sheila Wycinowski

Guests: Estelle Fanucci, Marie Mastandrea

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dr. Julie Altman, at 5:30 p.m.

Bullying Update

Dr. Brady updated the committee on his ongoing research with regard to the proposal on bullying. He requested a pilot program to commence this school year. The program would be administered to all seventh graders in both middle schools at a cost of \$5,000. The program is currently under review by our BOWA counterparts. They appear to be interested in implementing the program at a fifth and sixth grade level.

Mr. Robert Slie noted he is currently researching grant dollars to fund the Amity program and noted bullying is a theme in our summer reading program for students.

Dr. Altman shared her concerns with Dr. Brady and Dr. Brady noted he had reviewed the shared research materials and still wished to proceed and would continue to assess the program.

Dr. Richard Dellinger discussed the student survey he administered with regard to bullying and noted we need some program to change student behavior. He felt this program would benefit and address school climate issues.

Dr. Brady noted our counselors will continue to work with students and students will receive private, confidential support if desired through the program.

CMT & CAPT Scores/Implementation Overview

Dr. Brady stated, once again, he wants a strong CMT/CAPT process to promote student achievement. He stated he was very pleased with the middle school results/process and was concerned with the CAPT results.

Ms. Sheila Wycinowski gave an overview of the district's CMT and CAPT scores. She discussed our placement in the DRG and action plans for school improvement to promote student achievement.

Ms. Estelle Fanucci and Ms. Marie Mastandrea discussed their action plans for CAPT improvement and responded to the committee's questions.

Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2009 was made by Tom Hurley, seconded by Diane Crocco. The motion carried.

MSG Varsity Participation

Dr. Britton discussed the high school desire to participate in MSG Varsity program sponsored by Cablevision. Cablevision would like to broadcast our high school activities, including selected athletic events. Cablevision, as part of their ongoing support, would grant a \$1,000 stipend to the teacher liaison, Jonathan Furst, and a grant of \$2,000 for equipment to support the program. Our liaison would record Amity's activities and Cablevision would feature stories on its webpage. The MSG Varsity program could provide students with an independent study.

Mr. Tom Hurley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Diane Crocco seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wycinowski,
Director of Curriculum & Staff Development

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