

**AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
DISTRICT PRESENTATION ROOM
April 3, 2008, 5:00 PM**

Minutes

Members in attendance: Dr. John Brady, Thomas P. Hurley, Julie Altman, Angela McNabola, Diane Crocco, Dr. Charles Britton, Robert Slie, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Sheila Wycinowski

Guests: Noreen Julian, Vicenta Gibbons, Kim Vigliotti

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Noreen Julian and Dr. Richard Dellinger outlined the key findings in the SAHA report. Noreen noted the resiliency factors and areas of concern for students.

Board members present suggested the full Board of Education discuss the findings and implications for the future at the Board of Education June goal-setting meeting. Tom Hurley made a motion to place the SAHA findings on the Board's goal-setting agenda. Seconded by Angela McNabola. The motion carried.

Mr. Robert Slie stated his school did not participate in the survey but is addressing and responding to the areas of concern. He also noted the importance of students staying connected to significant adults.

Richard Dellinger, Noreen Julian and Dr. Charles Britton noted their communication with PTO and PTSA. It was discussed that a larger parental audience should view the findings/PowerPoint. The high school administration is addressing the areas of concern in health classes. School psychologists have been working closely with classroom teachers to provide educational support around the areas of concern.

Mr. Hurley suggested perhaps OGAT could air the PowerPoint presentation regarding the SAHA findings to expand the audience and promote communication with regard to the findings.

Dr. Brady will speak with the technology department to see if Ron Davis could obtain a copy for OGAT. Dr. Brady also noted that Sheila Wycinowski will work with the district health teachers to examine the curriculum and address the SAHA findings.

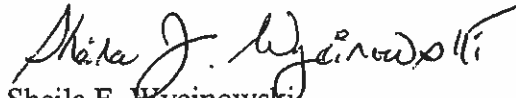
Mrs. Wycinowski outlined the district vision/mission for literacy addressing the five major areas of our district literacy goal: reading, writing, digital, media, and global. She noted district leadership, teacher professional development, CMT/CAPT preparation and curriculum revision. She outlined the three year themes of defining a literate educational community, accountability to support a literate community and embedding systematic literacy across the curriculum.

Ms. Vicenta Gibbons discussed this year's theme of accountability noting administrative CMT plans for reading, writing, team meetings, administrative goal setting with teachers and administrative literacy walk-throughs.

Mrs. Vigliotti discussed the role of building literacy committee, summer reading and other internal groups supporting this district initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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