



BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
December 16, 2014

LOCATION: Chestnut Hill Community School Library

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Michael Knapp, Chair, Dawn French, Member

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Robert Gazda, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Support Services, Mr. Thomas Ruscio, JBMS Principal

VISITORS:

Minutes

- I. Call Subcommittee meeting to order
Dr. Knapp called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
There were no public comments regarding items on the agenda.
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
 - A. July 22, 2014 Minutes
Motion: Ms. French moved to accept minutes from July 22, 2014 meeting as presented.
Second: Dr. Knapp
Vote: 1,0,1 Ms. French abstention
- IV. Reports and recommendations of the Superintendent
There were no reports or recommendations from the Superintendent.
- V. Unfinished business
There was no unfinished business.
- VI. New business
 - A. After school enrichments/activities
Dr. Knapp summary of after school activities sent to Principals.

Mr. Ruscio summarized the after school activities at Jabish Brook Middle School. Funding availability is the bottom line with regard to after school programs. He would be interested in increasing the after school programs. In the past JBMS had outside funding for the after school programs. It is no longer available. Currently JBMS has an 8th Hour program, Homework Club,

and Running Club. These are the 3 most populated programs from previous years. Discussion involved possible fee based system. Survey showed that a fee based system was allowable.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, of Chestnut Hill Community School, asked what the School Committee is looking for. Her age group has different needs than JBMS. There is more competition with after school day care or activities.

B. Professional Development

Motion: Ms. French moved to table this discussion.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 2,0,0

VII. Subcommittee correspondence

A. December 16, 2014 Agenda

B. July 22, 2014 Minutes

VIII. Adjourn

Motion: Ms. French moved to adjourn at 7:01 pm.

Second: Dr. Knapp

Vote: 2,0,0

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramona Griffin

Non-Confidential Recording Secretary to the School Committee

Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee members' signatures:

 _____, Michael Knapp, Chair

 _____, Dawn French, Member

The mission of the Belchertown Public Schools is to ensure that every student meets with success every day. To that end, we pledge to ensure that we have rigorous, standards-based curriculum; instruction designed to meet the needs of diverse learners in every classroom; and access to the

global learning community via state-of-the-art technology in schools that are communities of respect and civility for all.

2011-2015 Strategic Plan Goals (adopted by the Belchertown School Committee, 3/1/11):

- Goal #1: To have guaranteed (standards-based and implemented by all), viable (doable and accessible to every student), seamless K-12 curriculum in every content area.
- Goal #2: To have rigorous (standards-based), relevant (grounded in 21st Century skills), differentiated instructional practices with the ability to access the global learning community via technology available to every learner.
- Goal #3: To implement a plan to ensure that our students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community.

The Belchertown Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee of the School Committee conducts its business in open session pursuant to Chapter 39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws. The public is welcome to comment only on items on the agenda for this meeting as noted above. If you wish to address the Subcommittee regarding an item not on the agenda for this meeting, please contact the Superintendent of Schools at 413.323.0423 or via email at superintendent@belchertown.org to determine the best way to address your concerns.