



**BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 30, 2013**

LOCATION: Superintendent's Office

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

SUBCOMMITTEE: Dr. Linda Tsoumas, Chair, present; Dr. Michael Knapp, Member, present

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools, present; Mr. Brian Cameron, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, present

VISITORS:

MINUTES

- I. Call Subcommittee meeting to order
Dr. Tsoumas called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.
- II. Public comment regarding items on the agenda
- III. Subcommittee meeting minutes for approval
 - A. July 23, 2013
MOTION: Dr. Knapp moved, seconded by Dr. Tsoumas, to approve the minutes as presented.
VOTE: 2-0-0, all in favor
- IV. Reports and recommendations of the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
- V. Unfinished business
- VI. New business
 - A. District strategic plan revisions
The Superintendent presented revisions to the District Strategic Plan. The first was a change to strategy 1.g. on Goal number 2 to indicate the work of the community partners group in providing academic and social-emotional supports to students and families in need. A related change was also presented for Strategy 2.b. on Goal #3. After some discussion of the new Educator Evaluation System and the need for District-Determined Measures, the Committee requested additions to a proposed objective and strategy (3.h.) in Goal #2. After discussion, the Committee requested that the Data Administrator be listed as a person responsible on Strategy 3.h., that the addition of the specific assessments in the pilot be added to timeline item 3.h., and that two other timeline items be added: 3.h.1. to reflect the installation and implementation of the Schools Interoperability Framework by June

2014, and 3.h.2., that a baseline data set be gathered by June 2015 in accordance with the state's rollout of the impact on student learning data gathering process.

MOTION: Dr. Knapp moved, seconded by Dr. Tsoumas, to recommend that the Superintendent present a revised District Strategic Plan as discussed to the full School Committee at their August 20, 2013 meeting.

VOTE: 2-0-0, all in favor.

B. Superintendent's goals revisions

The Committee gave some feedback to the Superintendent on her goals. They requested that she add some detail to Key Action 1 of the Student Learning SMART Goal to indicate which areas would be assessed in the DDMs pilot. They also requested that she add as evidence data from the state discipline report as a measure of effectiveness of community engagement in the *PeaceBuilders* program. They requested that the Superintendent present these adjustments to the draft goals to the full School Committee for approval at the August 20, 2013 meeting.

VII. Subcommittee correspondence

- A. Agenda: Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee Meeting, July 30, 2013
- B. Minutes: Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee Meeting, July 23, 2013
- C. Draft district strategic plan proposed revisions
- D. Superintendent's proposed goals

VIII. Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Knapp moved, seconded by Dr. Tsoumas, to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 pm.

VOTE: 2-0-0, all in favor.

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.

Signed:


_____, Linda Tsoumas, Chair


_____, Michael Knapp, Member