

SECONDARY SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes and Notes of the Secondary School Review Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

The meeting of the SSRC began at 4:00 pm

Members Present:

Aditi	Abrol	Stacey	Gross	Nashoba	Santhanam
Alison	Allerton	Laurie	Heiss-Grealy	Truxtun	Southworth
Al	Capasso	Nancy	Kail	Betty	Sternberg
Lynda	Carroll	Fran	Kompar	Jennifer	Voccola
Kathy	Coon	Ralph	Mayo	Carol	Walsh
Paige	Davis	Eliza	McNitt	Chris	Winters
Jennifer	Dayton	Hale	McSharry	Chris	York
Susan	Ellis	Jennifer	Mitchell	Martha	Zornow
Laura	Erickson	Tony	Mullen	Linda	Woods
Kim	Eves	Peter	Newman	Denice	Cretol
Jason	Foster	Erica	Purnell		
Brenda	Friedler	Damaris	Rau		

I. Kim presented feedback from Vision Discussion Forums; the report will be issued once the forums have been completed.

II. Allison led a discussion of the purpose of today's and future meetings

- Today's meeting: frame our concerns using the vision statement as a point of reference.
- March meeting: final revisions on the vision statement and to bring concerns from others.
- April meeting: results of formal collection of concerns and work to organize them in a patterned way.
- May meeting: to make a list of the final recommendations that will be presented to the Board of Education. The formal meeting schedule of the task force is then completed. As subcommittees are formed to work on these recommendations, members will be invited to join these groups.

Secondary staff will do the work of adding descriptors to the vision.

III. The Concerns Exercise I (with mixed groups):

I'm most concerned about _____ (practice, policy, structures, curriculum, programs) because _____ (tied to the Vision of the Graduate).

IV. Concerns Exercise II (with like groups):

Review the following set of directions and adjust to appropriately apply to constituent group; plan how best to facilitate 'Concerns' conversation with constituent group.

1. Context
2. Task Directions
 - Name the concern
 - Connect to component(s) of the vision statement
 - Explain the reasoning behind the connection
 - (Optional) Offer potential solutions
3. Examples (selected specifically for the stakeholder group)
4. Rules (if any)

School Staff: Secondary Principals will plan and facilitate Concerns discussion with middle and high school staff members in April faculty meetings

Cabinet: Betty, Kim & Chris will facilitate Concerns discussion with Cabinet members

Students: Chris will work with Eliza and student members to facilitate Concerns discussion with GHS student council.

Middle school principals will facilitate Concerns discussion with middle school students.

Betty began discussions with parents and she, Kim and Chris will follow up with them.

Arch/CLP Students & Staff: Kim will facilitate/plan with program coordinators

The next meeting of the Secondary School Review Committee will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in the Greenwich High School Media Center. The meeting will begin at 4:00pm