EISA Subcommittee Agenda 1/19/22, 4:30 - 5:30 pm Room 121 - MS Wing

Draft of 12/15/21 minutes

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, School Board Subcommittee members Jamie Fitzpatrick and Dawn Dutton, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Teaching and Learning Patty Haynes, Director of Academic Intervention, Assessment, and Accountability Christine Desrochers, Director of Guidance Heidi Leavitt, K-6 Math Coordinator Donna Donnell, HS Principal Brian Stack, HS Assistant Principal Steve Krzyzanowski, MS Principal Matt Malila, Memorial Principal Ryan McCloskey, Bakie Principal Troy Kennett . Called to order by Chair Mahoney at 4:30 pm. Minutes of the 11/18/21 meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Haynes presented assessment results from the 20-21 school year. Generally performance scores trended downward, especially for Math, which is consistent with state and national trends. The district is addressing this with curriculum changes to the math program - deploying the new K-6 curriculum this year and selecting a new curriculum for 7-12 to deploy next year. SAT scores are used to measure proficiency in 11 grade, and are still in wide use for college acceptance and scholarship opportunities, so robust preparation will continue at the HS, along with an emphasis on math intervention and addressing curriculum gaps.

Mr. Stack presented the methodology currently in use to calculate cumulative course grades, known as the decaying average. The intent is to place greater weight on work done more recently, with a higher amount of credit given for improving scores, as a more accurate measurement of learning. Concerns were expressed regarding the origin and use of this methodology.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION-RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) - Ms. Dutton made a motion to enter a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II (c), seconded by Ms. Mahoney. Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Ms. Dutton made a motion to exit the Non-Public meeting per RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) seconded by Ms. Mahoney. Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved that a grading task force be formed to research and report back; seconded by Ms. Dutton; all in favor. Ms. Dutton, Dr. Haynes, Mr. Stack, and Mr. Ambrose will serve on the task force.

Mr. Malila reported that the HS Schedule committee has not met but should have a report for the next meeting in January.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mahoney at 5:35 pm.

Call to order Approve 12/15/21 minutes

- 1. NEASC Update (not covered last month)
- 2. HS Committee Update (not covered last month)
- 3. Grading task force update
- 4. 7-12 math program selection update
- 5. Strategic plan update

Public Comment

Next meeting date 2/16/22 Next meeting agenda items -Adjourn