

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Alternative Learning Sub-Committee Minutes
March 15, 2010
BOE Conference Room
7:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Jeanne Doerr
Kathy Deprey
Beth Duffy
Martha Rouleau
Pat Howley
Michelle McCard
Pam Lazaroski

Committee Members Absent:

Karen Sullivan
Elaine Schiavone

Committee Guests:

Michael Landry
Linda Carabis

1. Pat reminded the committee that we need to keep our focus rather than getting bogged down in details.
2. Discussion of options:
 - School within School for Freshman: change how we meet w/them - kids need time to talk through life issues without being taken out of class
 - Need more time for support team members to work with at risk students - when??
 - Better communication between 8th & 9th grade teachers would help - take a tougher look at what it takes to pass 8th grade because 9th grade counts in a way that 8th grade doesn't. Better not to move to 9th grade than to fail 9th grade?
 - Homeroom groups - 2 adults for every homeroom stay w/ them for all four years.
 - A/B week schedule - provides 1 period every 2 weeks for support activities.
 - Link Crew - 6-7 freshman to one Link Crew Leader.
 - Possible start support activities during the summer - counselors meet with teachers to be ready at the start of the year.
 - Middle school social worker & psychologist - more contact with HS support staff.
 - Academic standards - 3rd level, i.e. "Level 2 Lite" w/less homework.
 - Increase expectations in 8th grade to bridge to high school more effectively.
 - Try to schedule prep period for 9th grade teachers at the same time so that they can meet
 - Specific teachers to teach 9th grade - semi "team" approach.
2. Need to get 3rd quarter interim grades now to talk about next year. Look at D/F list to start identifying students for extra support.
3. List of current outreach programs was distributed.
4. Draft of "Who to Call in Region 10" was distributed.

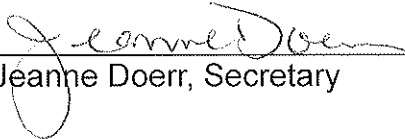
5. Focus groups - staff, parent & student groups. Michelle, Pat, Linda & Pam will organize & run student focus group.

6. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2010, BOE Conference Room, 7:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Duffy



Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

Date 4/19/10