

Drop-Out Prevention Committee Meeting
September 24, 2019 from 3:00-4:00
Gardiner Regional Middle School Cafeteria

Members Present:

John S. LaPerriere, Principal at Gardiner Regional Middle School
Christina O'Neal, Principal at Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School
Jarrod Dumas, Assistant Principal at Gardiner Area High School
Jim Lothridge, MSAD #11 School Board
Officer Carolyn Taylor, School Resource Officer
Joan Tourtellotte, RVCS School Counselor
Megan Prescott, Student at Gardiner Area High School

Meeting Minutes:

1. The Committee reviewed the components of the Drop-Out Prevention Plan. While reviewing the plan it was noted that changes were made in the plan. This was discussed and the Committee spoke to the possibility of it being reformatted. The Committee reviewed the plan for the nights discussion. There was also discussion about the informational letter and whom the letter should come from, the Principals or the Superintendent. It was also discussed that it could come from both. The Committee discussed that the Board had approved steps 1 through 3 and that the Committee had to continue to discuss steps 4 through 7.
2. While discussing the plans intervention strategies and other potential strategies, another strategy was discussed. Jarrod Dumas spoke to an alternative to suspension that provided opportunity for student self-reflection and supports. The Committee agreed that the intervention bank was comprehensive.
3. Regarding the review process of attendance data, and the impact tardiness has on student success. Administrators shared their process for reviewing data and the Committee agreed that tardiness was a future area of discussion. Finally, in regard to student attendance data, it was noted that the call at the third absence needs to be provided a window of time.
4. The Committee discussed progress in the communication between school and home. Examples of letters home were shared and the Committee discussed the need for flexibility in the letters, dependent on grade level of student. However, the Committee agreed in a need for uniformity of the messaging.
5. When discussing potential next steps for communication with families. The Committee discussed on-going communication with families and the importance of students attending school regularly.

Next Meeting: 10/24/2019 3:15-4:15

Thank you
John S. LaPerriere
Principal
Gardiner Regional Middle School