

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Shannon Warden, Chris Mosca, Jeff Morrill, Lisa Durocher, Preston Randall, Sally Lindberg

Call to Order: Sally called the meeting to order at 8:40
The minutes and agenda were approved as presented.

Update: The professional development on March 31 began with a presentation by Dana Kaplan of Outright Vermont and a student panel providing perspective on student LGBTQ experiences. Subsequent to this program, staff assembled at 9 to spend the day acquiring further information from guest speaker, Dr. Michael Shackleford, regarding assessment and standards based grading. He spoke of the different levels of assessment from short answers to questions to using discrete information to apply that knowledge in various ways. Dr Shackleford offered many specific resources and insights and a staff survey was completed and will be used to guide a planned subsequent visit by Dr. Shackleford in May

Preston further indicated that he was researching the feasibility of a regional high school meeting to address PBGR. In addition, Chris and Shannon talked about the role of research in increasing skills in this area. There has even been a book group specifically to share current research knowledge.

Update: Students at risk of not graduating have had families notified of their status by letter and it is expected that most will now complete missing assignments and discuss other classroom requirements to become eligible for graduation in June.

Update: Senior Student Board Awards were discussed and two students will be selected for this graduation honor rewarding a positive commitment to the school and the goal of graduation despite significant barriers. Lisa provided a valuable suggestion regarding the award which will be considered further.

Update: Scheduling is taking longer than usual with fewer students and the difficulty of determining how to use teachers to provide the best curriculum possible while offering requisite classes as well as advanced sections and electives to all students. Virtual High School is available for those small groups of students unable to comprise a requested class if numbers are below the threshold for class formation; it can also be used by individuals wishing to enroll in a non-offered elective.

There was no further meeting scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Lindberg