

MSAD 11 - Drop-Out Prevention Committee
October 20, 2016
Gardiner Regional Middle School Library - 3:00 pm

Members Present:

Gary Verhille
Terri Lynn Pulley
Todd Sanders
Tom Landberg
RayeAnne DeSoto
Diann Bailey

The first meeting is considered an organizational meeting to plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Committee looked over a review of 2015-2016, including the data from surveys, the professional read, and community connections available to our at-risk students.

As we look ahead to the 2016-2017 school year, and points of data were discussed from the elementary, middle, and high school.

In anticipation of a professional read, the book "Partnering with Parents to Ask the Right Questions" was mentioned as a source of professional learning. The Committee briefly discussed the true nature of drop-out prevention, that is, starting early in the elementary grades with asking the right questions.

The Committee also mentioned a district-wide professional development opportunity for a group to learn about poverty and the impact on students' performance and learning. In looking ahead, the Committee discussed the possibility of having a speaker or presenter for our March 16 and 17 professional development days.

In looking at data analysis, we will determine what we need or want to know. As with last year, responses from students were very informative, as they relate to our concerns with at-risk students. The Committee also sought out staff presentations on May 4, as a potential day.

We would also like to develop a mission/ vision statement to target the intentions as a Committee. The Committee determined meeting dates until February and will make a schedule from that point. Finally, the Committee made suggestions for who should be on the Drop Out Prevention Committee. This year will also result in determining regulations and by-laws for the Committee itself.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 17 @ 3:00 pm @ Gardiner Regional Middle School - Library