

MINUTES
CURRICULUM & EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
5:30 – 6:30 P.M.
Monday, August 1, 2011
CENTRAL OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Board Members Present: Nancy Bernier, Katie Vose

Other Board Members Present: Willie Emerson, Kim Martin, Jane Dennison

Board Members Absent: Chairperson Betty Jo Libby

Others Administrators Present: Connie Brown, Superintendent of Schools, Jim Anastasio, Principal CHS, Stew Brittner, Assistant Principal CHS, Kim Silsby, Assistant Principal CHS, Tina Meserve Curriculum Director (by phone)

Other Staff Members Present: None

1. **New England Secondary School Consortium and League of Innovative Schools.** The Education Committee reviewed information pertaining to the League of Innovative Schools as sponsored through the New England Secondary Schools. Discussed at length was Global Best Practices: An Internationally Benchmarked Self-Assessment Tool for Secondary Learning.

Principal Anastasio told the Education Committee that belonging to the League of Innovative Schools would be a way to carry forward the work started at Cony High School and would be a follow up to the workshop the secondary administrators gave to the Augusta Board of Education in late April.

Committee members asked questions about the commitment about belonging to the League of Innovative Schools; for example, would Cony move to a standards-based grading system? Principal Anastasio said that by working with the New England Schools Consortium, Cony would have the opportunity to customize the support they needed. It was unlikely that CHS would move to a standards-based grading system. However, in many other areas of the school, staff was already using standards and the recently signed Common Core legislation would most likely have an impact at CHS.

2. **Positive Youth Development Institute:** Dr. Brown shared information from the Positive Youth Development Institute, notably from the presentation given by Dr. Wagner titled The Global Achievement Gap. She discussed with the Education Committee Dr. Wagner's work that students must have 7 Survival Skills to succeed in a global economy. She also referred to students as "digital natives" and constantly using technology.
3. **Effective Literacy Practices in Maine: Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy:**
(Removed from agenda)
4. **I Pad 2 Training:** Dr. Brown told the Committee that the administrators would be trained to use the I Pad 2 as an extension of their I Pad Walk Through training done during the 2010-2011 school year.
5. **Article: Bridging the Gap Between Standards and Achievement:** Mr. Brittner and Dr. Brown shared reactions to the article, which emphasizes the importance of creating capacity in staff and ensuring staff training to meet ever increasing demands.
6. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:25.