

Curriculum and Education Committee Meeting
March 5, 2012
5:30 P.M.
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Members Present: Betty Jo Libby, Katie Vose **Absent:** Nancy Bernier

Other Board Members Present: Jane Dennison, Willie Emerson, Sue Campbell, Larry Ringrose, Deb Towle,

Others Administrators Present: Dr. Brown, Tina Meserve, James Anastasio, Stewart Brittner, Heather Gauthier, Sue Dionne, Jan Rollins, Karla Miller

Other Staff Members Present: Patricia Hannigan, Jessica West

Item 1: Math Department Presentation:

Patricia Hannigan, Math Department Head, provided an overview of the Cony math department. She reviewed the program of studies and changes that have occurred since 2006. Two major successes include: Math Strategies, that provides an intervention for struggling 9th grade students and the SAT Academy, which addresses skills for taking the SAT's. The math department is aligning the curriculum to the Common Core but a 4th year of math may be needed to be fully compliant.

Jessica West, K-8 Math Mentor, shared 3 key areas of focus at the K-8 level. We are aligning Trailblazers and Connected Math to the Common Core and eliminating gaps. Teachers are learning about guided math as well as strategies for differentiating math instruction to meet the needs of all students. 5-8th grade teachers are working with the Education Development Center to identify areas of misconceptions in math. In addition, 8 teachers at the 6-8th grade level have signed up for a 2 year project centered on formative assessments. This project is funded by the National Science Foundation.

Item 2 - CIPS Update:

Sue Dionne and Heather Gauthier provided an update on their school's CIPS goals. Teachers are learning about the power of utilizing "stations" during mathematics instruction. They are beginning a book study on the text, *From Reading to Math*, with approximately 30 staff members signed up. Both schools will have a math night. Family Fun Math will be held on April 3rd at Gilbert and the Lincoln Loves Learning night is March 22.

Item 3 - NEASC 5 Year Report:

James Anastasio and Stewart Brittner reported that Cony has submitted a 5 year report for NEASC. This report was shared with the Education Committee as an update. They will report back when they receive feedback on their report. This typically occurs during the summer. They are pleased with the progress made through curriculum mapping and League of Innovative Schools.

Item 4 - NECAP Update: Postponed until April 2nd. **Adjourn: 6:40**