

**EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**East Lyme, Connecticut**

MINUTES OF  
**ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES (AAA) COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monday, February 13, 2012  
Room B100, East Lyme High School

Members Present            Laura Greenstein (Chair), Jaime Barr, Melissa Ford, Rich Steel

Members Excused:        Tim Hagen

Administrators Present:   James Lombardo (Superintendent), Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Michael Susi (High School Principal)

The meeting began at 6:00 PM.

1. GPA and Class Rank: Michael Susi, Marci Cunningham, and Deb Kelly presented a report from The Program Review Committee (a post NEASC subcommittee), on the high school GPA and Class Rank. The current system was explained, other high school's policies were reviewed, and research on college admissions was summarized. A recommendation was made to calculate both simple and weighted GPA but to no longer report class rank. A new weighted GPA calculator was presented and discussed. It was decided to present the report to the full board for review. After that forums will be held to get feedback from parents, students, and the community.
2. Student Success Plans were reviewed. These are state mandated plans for all students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade. East Lyme Schools will be using Naviance to manage the plans. The committee requested regular updates on how the plans are being developed and monitored and with what types of mentoring, meetings, and record keeping are being put in place to support student success. ELMS and ELHS plans will be discussed next month.
3. Safe School Climate Plans for the three elementary schools were reviewed. There are required by recent anti-bullying legislation. The schools are taking many steps to create a safe environment for students and teachers through a variety of policies and practices including Positive Behavior Supports and Responsive Classroom.
4. A brief discussion of the new BOE member orientation took place, but more feedback and data is needed before it can be assessed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laura Greenstein*

Chair