

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
East Lyme, Connecticut

MINUTES OF ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND ACTIVITIES (AAA)
COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 9th, 2012
Room B101 (INTV Room), East Lyme High School
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jamie Barr Shelburn, Melissa Ford, Beth Groeber, Rich Steel

Members Absent: Tim Hagen

Administrators Present: Dr. James Lombardo, Mike Susi

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Elect a Chair

The members agreed by consensus that Melissa Ford and Beth Groeber will be Co-Chairs going forward for this committee.

2. Sharing initial thoughts re: HS Initiatives for Next Year

HS Principal Mike Susi gave an overview and status update of several initiatives they are working on in preparation for the coming school year.

2011-12 included 1) decisions around the GPA (restructure) and class ranking (discontinue); 2) create learning clusters (groups of courses) for students to distinguish their HS coursework (i.e., engineering, technology, leadership); 3) implement co-teaching at the HS. Here, the CAPT shows reading is a particular area of need. Several classes will be co-taught with ongoing professional advice/training provided as needed; 4) Leveling subcommittee – no change.

2012-13 will include 1) Co-teaching (above); 2) Reading Professional Development; 3) Academic Study Hall Support Labs – this will involve a teacher being present for math/science help (currently no teacher is present); 4) Professional Learning Committees (follows); 5) Student Success Plans (SSP) – plans are currently being drafted; 6) Common Core Professional Development, by Dept. - Karen Costello is overseeing this; 7) Attendance Policy – the policy will change to include a loss of course credit should unexcused absences exceed a certain limit. Appeals will be possible. 8) Parent Notification – The parent portal will allow parents to view student grades.

The Professional Learning Community Committee, based on work done in 11-12, recommends school wide implementation starting in Sept 12. Based on the Adly Stevenson model school, the group has established SMART goals for each focus area and are ready to begin the new year.

Also, the MS/HS will be seeking collaboration opportunities focused on the student transition between schools.

3. Other - None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Groeber
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Co-Chair