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East Lyme, Connecticut

Academics, Athletics, and Activities (AAA) Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Room B101, East Lyme High School

- Members Present: Tim Hagen (Acting Chair), Rob Kupis, Barbara Senges
- Members Excused: Candice Carlson, Joe Arcarese, Jaime Barr Shelburn
- Administration Present: Donna Gittleman (Interim Assistant Superintendent), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Linda Anania (FL Principal), Melissa DeLoreto (NC Principal), Jen Vandusen (HA Representative), Michael Susi (HS Principal)

MINUTES

The Committee meeting began at 6:00 PM.

The Committee agenda topic was to review the Climate and Evaluation Survey Results for 2013-2014 at the East Lyme Public Schools. Dr. Karen Costello began the review with an overview of survey process and objectives. Focusing on School Climate will lead to basic awareness for enhancing a positive climate and create a shift to impact adult behavior on student success. Dr. Costello remarked that the district was still in a learning curve as to how best construct survey questions. She shared with the committee the two sets of survey questions that were used at all of the schools: Climate Survey Parent Questions and Climate Survey Teacher/Staff Questions. Overall the numbers of responses from parents and teachers was very good at a level of approximately 30%.

Linda Anania, Melissa DeLoreto and Jennifer Vandusen (filling in for Dr. Miko) presented high level summaries of findings from the surveys conducted at the three elementary schools. Each highlighted the parent climate survey goal to improve communication between school and home. Overall, the results were quite positive for this area. Michael Susi discussed results from the high school survey and commented that the ensuing feedback discussions were quite valuable but that the survey tools need further work to provide better, direct assessment of climate at the high school. (Middle School discussion was deferred to the next meeting.)

Committee members were also interested in the results from other survey questions that targeted areas of staff morale, bullying, and academic achievement.

ACTION: The committee requested that at the next AAA meeting all of the results from the survey should be shared and discussed with the committee.

The Committee thanked the presenters for an engaging discussion and looked forward to continuing the discussion at the next AAA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Hagen