

EAST LYME BOARD OF EDUCATION
ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Superintendent's Office, Central Office

Members Present: Laura Greenstein and Al Littlefield (Co-Chairs), Jaime Barr
Members Absent: Mary Broderick, Melissa Ford
Administrators Present: Brian Reas (Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Mike Susi (HS Principal), Judy DeLeeuw (MS Principal)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 ^{PM}.

1. **ELMS Gym Uniform Policy** - Lisa Kriger, Josh Sheppard, Jim Cunningham, and Judy DeLeeuw presented an updated PowerPoint on the rationale for uniforms, student and parent feedback, and the uniforms/costs. The conclusion was this is a successful, positive policy with no problems in its implementation.
2. **Livestream Programming Plans** - Robin McKenny reviewed a handout on the purpose, potential, and cost of creating a live-streaming channel for the East Lyme Public Schools. This is a communications and community-relations initiative to showcase and share events and activities of the district. Robin will convene a representative committee to systematically move forward with the proposed idea. This committee will develop an implementation schedule, review existing and develop necessary policies, determine protocols for posting video, and consider overall management of the channel. Feedback, garnered from various constituencies (e.g., PTAs, staff, and representatives of community government), and additional information on development of a live-streaming channel initiative will then be presented to the full Board.
3. **Proposed Mandarin Course** - Discussed a 0.2 certified Mandarin teacher to be shared with the Old Lyme Public Schools. The committee requested more information on the teacher and the feasibility (space and potential enrollment) of running a pilot class in the 2011-12 school year at ELHS. Karen Costello and Mike Susi will follow up on this and bring to the Subcommittee/Board.
4. **Review of BOE Policy and Regulation 6140 on Instruction and Curriculum** - Discussion was postponed until a review by the Curriculum Council over the summer, convening in September-October for discussion, and then being brought back to the Subcommittee/Board in October-November.
5. **Review of BOE Policy and Regulation 4218.51 on Social Networking** - The committee felt that the first step should be to develop a separate policy on Social Networking with input from multiple sources such as legal, technology, personnel, and CAFE. Then a regulation can be developed that supports the policy. The process should include legal advice to ensure that the regulation reflects a balance between safety and freedom of speech. It was noted that some of the proposed regulations require clarity of terms and intent and also reflect the rapidly changing picture of social networking and should consider the use of social networking by students and parents also. The end result was to send this back to the Administrative staff for further work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 ^{PM}.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Littlefield and Laura Greenstein
Committee Co-Chairs