

Director of Curriculum & Instruction BOE Report for 2015-16

Building/Administrator: M. Stevenson

Date of Meeting: 4/12/16

Student Achievement:

ELA testing was done this week, with Math testing happening next Wednesday through Friday. We had about 8% of students refuse to take the test. This is not great news at all, as one of the criteria that we have to meet for the middle school to come off of the focus list is to have 95% participation in the NYS assessments. Therefore, we are likely to continue to be on the list for 17-18 school year. A big change in the testing this year was that it was untimed, and our students responded well to that. We had students taking their time and using their strategies, which is really important.

Continued collaboration is occurring between Curriculum Council and the administrative team regarding lesson planning. The expectation remains the same in terms of teachers having to turn them in each week, however we have responded to feedback about the format.

School-Based Inquiry Process: Our last early release day is May 6th, which is also the Special Olympics. Teachers will be analyzing the last interim assessment that day, and will be making notes not only for the remainder of the school year, but also for next year's teachers.

Grants:

Not much is new with grants; we are just trying to ensure that we are spending them down so as not to lose money or have a ton of carryover. Jay Roscup is completing the application for the funding that we will receive as a result of the focus school and district status. We will get \$50,000 this year and \$100,000 as a result of our status. Of course there are parameters that we have to work within to use the money but we are happy that there is some financial support that comes with the status.

APPR:

The team will meet on April 18th for a full day of negotiations. We are optimistic about reaching a complete agreement.