

*Horseheads Central School District
Board of Education*

Outcomes & Assessment Sub-Committee

Tuesday, October 4, 2011
4:00 – 5:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Brian Lynch, Mary Anne Holleran, Ralph Marino, Alice Learn, Kim Williams, Jay Hillman, Virginia Abrunzo
Guest: Karen Donahue

Agenda Topic(s)

- 4.1 Financial Literacy: Mrs. Donahue reported on the Financial Literacy unit developed by HS PIG/ECON teachers in August. The teachers would like to present to O & A after the unit has been taught. Jamy Brice-Hyde, Nancy George and John Thomas will be invited to attend the O & A meeting in February. The unit outline will be sent to committee members for their review.
- 4.2 HS Schedule Update: Mrs. Donahue gave an update on the use of School Tool to create the Master Schedule (for the first time). Inputting (in School Tool) of the course catalog was very time consuming, but should require little time in the future, as new information will be all that is required.
Mrs. Donahue also reported on the number of HS course sections that are running. Her report also included the number of staff reductions.
- 4.3 2011 Spring AP Results: Jay Hillman presented a report comparing results on AP exams over the last three years. The number of students participating is rising.
- 4.4 2011-2012 School Accountability: The committee was informed that the preliminary accountability reports indicate the Gardner Road, Intermediate School and the Middle School will be designated as Schools in Need of Improvement. At Gardner Road, the students with disabilities sub-group missed AYP by 1 point (ELA); at the Intermediate School, two sub-groups (economically disadvantaged and student's w/disabilities) did not make AYP in ELA and Math; at the Middle School student's with disabilities did not make AYP in ELA. IS and MS will be required to conduct a School Quality Review as well as develop a Comprehensive Education Plan. It was noted that since there is now an elementary and secondary school SINI schools , the district has earned the "District in Need of Improvement" (DINI) status.
- 4.5 Gardner Road SINI Update: 2011-2012 Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) was presented. The Board of Education will be asked to approve the plan at its October meeting. The CEP is due to NYSED on October 31.
- 4.6 Strategic Planning Implementation Update: Next meeting is October 11. The goal of that meeting is to identify Year Two targets. Alice has planned that meeting with Kim Malone and Shawn McDonough

- 4.7 Race to the Top/Network Team Update: Principals have been trained in the Common Core Learning Standards and how to start and support Data Driven Inquiry teams. At the October principal's meeting we will de-brief the training with them and plan how to train staff.
- 4.8 Treasures Update (mandatory implementation, September 2012): First round of mandatory training dates have been announced. Teachers are signing up. Virginia reported that she has had requests from teachers to use the technology associated with Treasures. She is working with our BOCES Technology Instructional Support Teachers to set up teacher accounts.
- 4.9 RTI Update (mandatory implementation, September 2012): First Universal Screening of the 2011-2012 school year has been conducted in grades K- 4. Grade level teachers in each building have met to review these results.
- 4.10 APPR Update: The APPR negotiating committee met on Friday, September 29. No decision has been made on the teacher evaluation rubric. The teachers on the APPR committee are going to attend Teaching Within the Danielson Framework, at GST BOCES on Thursday, October 6 to learn more about the framework.
- 4.11 NYSED Updates: None
- 4.12 Finalize O & A Goals: The following O+A goals were drafted for consideration:
- Gather evidence of the effectiveness of the professional development associated with the new ELA Treasures program, the K – 6 Music program (Spotlight on Music) and the grade 7-8 Social Studies program (American Journey)
 - Identify additional professional development needs of the above programs (if needed)
 - Report to O & A the assessments that will be consistently administered from Treasures, the K- 6 Music program and the 7-8 Social Studies program
 - Receive monthly updates on new initiatives related to curriculum and instruction
 - Monitor the development of the APPR, the improvement plans for GR, IS and MS and monitor the progress of RTTT initiatives

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Brian Lynch asked that we continue to discuss the Khan Academy (“Flipping the Classroom”), free online classes on most subject matters.

Jay Hillman announced that Corning Inc. has provided more funding to support the cost of the FOSS program's professional development. Also, the Commissioner of Education will be visiting GST BOCES schools who are implementing the FOSS program in November.

Mary Anne Holleran mentioned that she substituted in a Corning classroom and taught a FOSS lesson. She was impressed.

Next Meeting: November 1, 2011 meeting will begin at 4:30

Additional Tentative Agenda Items:

1. Finalize O+A Goals
2. Flipping the Classroom

February Agenda Item: Financial Literacy Presentation

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