

*Horseheads Central School District
Board of Education*

Outcomes & Assessment Sub-Committee

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
4:30 – 5:30pm

Meeting Minutes

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

Agenda Topic(s)

- 4.1 Pride Survey – Christie Speicale: Dr Marino introduced Christie Speciale from Trinity. Ms. Speciale presented the Pride Survey. Trinity would like to survey students in grades 7,9,11. The data from the survey would be used to diagnose student needs and as supporting data for a grant application. Appropriateness of the questions for our student and family culture was discussed in detail. Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Donahue were concerned about many of the questions. Mrs. Donahue also expressed the challenges of dedicating time during the HS day in order for students to take the survey. Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Holleran were in agreement that they could not support the survey as presented. Dr. Marino noted the district runs the risk of losing the Drug and Alcohol counselor that is currently funded through a Trinity grant, if this data is not gathered.
- 4.2 UPK Update – Virginia Abrunzo: 143 UPK slots filled for 144 seats. The one seat available is for a ½ slot. Lisa Kelly, retired administrator is conducting an audit of the UPK program at the District's YWCA location.
- 4.3 Special Education Supplemental Program Update – Kim Williams: The supplemental reading program is now being implemented at BF, CS, RR, and in a 12:1:1 at the HS. Teachers have been trained; reading coach is in the district monthly to support teachers as they implement.
- 4.4 NYSED Updates – Alice Learn: The district has been officially notified that the IS and MS are Schools in Need of Improvement (SINI), year one. IS two subgroups for not making AYP (SWD's and economically disadvantaged). MS has been identified for ELA, SWD's. Both schools will be required to conduct a School Quality Review (SQR) and a Comprehensive Education Plan. A complete report will be given to the Board at the November 17. Meeting.
- 4.5 Regents Schedule – Jay Hillman: January Regents will be administered. Many printing costs associated with administration of the regents have been shifted to district (from NYSED).
- 4.6 Race to the Top/Network Team Update – Alice Learn: Common Core Learning Standards training for teachers in grade Pre K – 8, Math and ELA has begun. Teachers will be released from their classrooms for 3 hour training in each of these subjects.

- 4.7 Treasures Update-Virginia Abrunzo: Mandated Treasures training begins November 2 at 3:30. All classroom teachers in grades Pre K – 6 will take the first 3 hour in-service which outlines the Big Five Elements of Reading Instruction and how it is presented in the program. Teachers will have the option of after school or release time training. Many teachers are starting to use the program. Required implementation is September 2012.
- 4.8 APPR – Jay Hillman: The APPR team has met twice and will meet again on Tuesday, November 8. Discussion has focused on the local assessments that will be used in 11-12 for the APPR. The teacher evaluation rubric has not been selected, but discussions around this aspect of the APPR have occurred.
- 4.9 Flipping the Classroom – Brian Lynch: Can we “spread the word” and encourage teachers to try this website? Alice will place the item on the Principals agenda and will share the site in that forum.
- 4.10 Finalize O & A Goals – Alice Learn: Draft goals will be forwarded to all Outcomes & Assessment members for electronic discussion and finalizing.

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Kim Williams is preparing a report for the Board that will detail the NYS assessment results of students who have been de-classified. She shared some of these results with the committee. Very positive!

Out of concern for district math results, Brian Lynch requested this be discussed at the December meeting. He would like to know what is happening to address performance.

Next Meeting: December 6, 2011 meeting will begin at 4:30

Additional Tentative Agenda Items:

1. Math Results

February Agenda Item: Financial Literacy Presentation

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