



**Teaching and Learning Subcommittee
Remote
December 14, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
Open Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Jessica Barnhill (Chair), Beverly Hugo, Valerie Ottaviani

ABSENT: Tiffanie Maskell

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Superintendent for PreK-12 Education Amy Bright, Director of the Office of Multilingual Education Dr. Aradhana Mudambi, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment/Interim FHS Principal Dr. Amy Gerade, Director of Fine and Performing Arts Brian Gellerstein, Director of Health and Wellness Courtney Balacco, FHS Department Heads Cheryl Jones, Mary Fitterer, Susie Ramirez, Ali Courchesne, and Erin Powers, Executive Assistant to the School Committee Joanna Hastry

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. She noted all in attendance and said that the meeting was being held remotely, was being broadcast live on Facebook, and was also being recorded. She said that the minutes are not ready for approval yet and will be added to the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no-one in attendance for public comment.

Overview Presentation of the 2022 MCAS Results

Assistant Superintendent for PreK-12 Education Amy Bright shared an Accountability Overview presentation that included MCAS and Accountability data for 2022 for grades 3-8 and high school, information and data on chronic absenteeism, accountability data over the years and for 2022, information on low participation and low student group performance, iReady comparisons, MCAS Results by Race/Ethnicity, high school accountability data including graduation rate, dropout rate, extended engagement rate, advanced coursework completion, and District priorities for 2022-2023.

Ms. Hugo asked if there was any analysis regarding the two cohorts that saw an increase in dropout rates (EL and former EL and Hispanic/Latino), if there is a need for any increases in programs, and for comparisons from the District's benchmark communities and our data. Ms. Bright noted that the data is from two years prior so they are looking at what has been done in the interim to rectify that and have been working on making the high school feel small, such as making sure students identify with three individuals that they can go to. She said that they are looking at the different programs, the exit and entrance criteria, and what those programs

deliver and don't deliver, to make sure the correct matches are being made for students. She said that the benchmark districts are facing the same concerns, such as with chronic absenteeism, but there were other factors that happened during the pandemic, such as food insecurity and topics that are difficult to teach remotely. Interim FHS Principal Dr. Amy Gerade said that the data is from a time period when some students were shouldering some of the familial obligations or working full time and we are just coming out of that. She said that the addition of the Student Success Academy, implementation of work study, and programmability thinking of what students needs are the dropout rates should decrease. Ms. Bright noted that there has been an increase in enrollment in the number of emergent bilinguals, a shift in Tier 1 instruction, and many students who have not been in certain grade levels of school or school at all and the Director of the Office of Multilingual Education Dr. Aradhana Mudambi and her department have been working hard at providing supports, language assessments, and professional development.

Updates and Changes to the High School Program of Studies

Ms. Gerade shared a presentation on the changes to the 2023-2024 FHS Program of Studies that included the process overview, add/drop period and level changes, course overrides, math revisions, and the SCOIR planning platform. Discussion on how this information will all be updated in the handbooks and the only thing that needs to be confirmed is making sure that the policies match. Ms. Barnhill asked that the committee be updated on the progress of this and said that the add/drop period can be hard and hopes that staff will have time to train with the new program and it is one that can remain. Ms. Gerade said that she thinks the new program will work well and said that the department heads had a lot of input into the rewriting of the handbooks since it drives so much of what they do at the high school.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Ms. Ottaviani
(Yes: Hugo, Ottaviani, Barnhill)

Seconded: Ms. Hugo

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (3-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

2023-2024 Program of Studies Document

2023-2024 Program of Studies Slides

FPS Accountability Overview 2022

These minutes were approved by the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee in Open Session on October 23, 2023.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on December 12, 2023.

