



Teaching and Learning Subcommittee
Remote
February 1, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Beverly Hugo (Chair), Priscila Sousa, Tiffanie Maskell, Scott Wadland

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Amy Bright, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Anne Ludes, Framingham High School Principal Carolyn Banach, Director of Technology Ann Mariano, Superintendent Dr. Tremblay, Executive Assistant to the School Committee Joanna Hastry

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 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.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Hybrid Learning Update with Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Amy Bright, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Anne Ludes, and Director of Technology Ann Mariano

Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education Amy Bright, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Anne Ludes, and Director of Technology Ann Mariano shared a presentation on Remote/Hybrid Updates with key terms, information on student cohorts, the hybrid schedule, what to expect, information on classroom technology and what was purchased for students and teachers.

Ms. Maskell asked when students and teachers will be notified of what their cohort is. Ms. Ludes said that messages to families in S1 and S2 will be sent momentarily, that some of that planning relies on transportation and they wanted to include all the information they can at the same time, families with siblings are in the same cohort if in an A and B grouping, and they were trying to make sure the information is correct before sending. Ms. Maskell asked how a teacher will be able to check in with students who are remote with a class in front of them, and still guarantee extra attention students at home may need, and for information on if families change their mind on being remote or in person. Ms. Bright said that they are augmenting the entire experience, and will have check ins for students whether they are in person or remote. Ms. Ludes said there are two built-in check in points on March 19th and one in May for families

who are remote for Cohorts A and B, for students in S, S1 or S2 they can opt to in person learning at any time, they just ask for a few weeks to arrange for transportation and classroom space, and families can choose to go back to remote at any time as it does not require classroom space or transportation. Ms. Ludes said that if it's an in person week and a student needs to stay home they are able to engage remotely if they would like to, and transportation routes are being worked out right now. Ms. Hugo said that Mr. Wadland had asked if MCAS is cancelled how can we assess a student's improvement or deficits. She said that she had heard that MCAS will still happen, but will not be punitive, will have accommodations, and is intended to help with planning for remedial efforts. Ms. Ludes said that is correct, it will be an abbreviated, shortened form of assessment. She said that the District does not rely only on MCAS, as they have so much information and individual data on students that they capture throughout the year, and MCAS is too late in the year to know what interventions may be needed. She said that they are in development of the summer programs for students they are most concerned about, to be able to have a booster over the summer to be prepared for the next year. Ms. Bright said that we would be remiss if we only focused on MCAS to develop enrichment or to see what students need extra help, and they are making sure they attend to all students' needs, and make sure they are growing each year, such as with the i-Ready diagnostic tool in grades K-8.

Discussion on High School Dropout Indicators and Supports with Principal Carolyn Banach

Principal Carolyn Banach presented slides on Framingham High School Dropout Indicators including information on FHS 2018 dropout data, FHS 2019 dropout data, the summary of findings on where an increase in the dropout rate is, the subgroups at a greater risk for dropping out, the trends of what students have withdrawn from Framingham High School without plans to enroll elsewhere, indicators that are pivotal to early identification of students at risk of dropping out of school, supports for students that are in place, and next steps in reducing the dropout rate. She spoke to the new FHS Evening Academy for 2021 including the structure, student expectations and responsibilities, staffing, the Program Coordinator responsibilities, teachers responsibilities, the program structure, and considerations for expansion beyond 2021. Ms. Hugo spoke in support of the Evening Academy, and how it is equitable and meeting students where they are.

Discussion on Upcoming NEASC Accreditation Meeting

Ms. Hugo said that this subcommittee will have a role in the NEASC Accreditation. Ms. Banach said that NEASC has a virtual visit scheduled March 28th through March 31st, and they will be looking at all programs within the high school, the facilities, student learning, and will be meeting with a variety of people. She said they had previously come in November and identified priority areas of growth, and on this visit they will be responding with what growth there has been since 2018, and the impact on students. The date picked for the subcommittee to meet with NEASC is March 29th at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Hugo spoke to the possible questions that NEASC may ask subcommittee members, which NEASC provided.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the November 16, 2020 minutes.

Moved: Ms. Maskell

Seconded: Mr. Wadland

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (4-0-0)

(Yes: Hugo, Wadland, Sousa, Maskell)

Next Meeting Dates and Agenda Suggestions

The suggested next date for a meeting was for March 8, 2021. Due to the time, members asked that the subcommittee goals be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Ms. Sousa **Seconded:** Mr. Wadland
(Yes: Hugo, Wadland, Maskell)

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (4-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Remote Hybrid Presentation

Presentation on FHS DropOut Indicators

Office of Teaching and Learning Return Update Newsletter

Draft November 16, 2020 Minutes

These minutes were approved by the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee in Open Session on May 17, 2021.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on July 20, 2021.