

**Brunswick School Board**  
**Student Services Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes – February 29, 2016 9:30 a.m.**  
**Office of Student Services Director**

**School Board Members in Attendance:**

Brenda Clough, Joy Prescott

**Brunswick School Department Representatives:**

Barbara Gunn, Director of Student Services; Jean Skorapa, HBS Principal; Steve Shea, HBS Teacher; Blair Dwyer, HBS Teacher; Sue Woodhams, Director of Technology Integration

The meeting was called to order by Brenda Clough at 9:35 am.

1. Looping at HBS

- Ms. Skorapa, Mr. Shea and Mr. Dwyer updated the committee about the second full loop (4 years).
- Teachers have been able to develop consistent relationships with students and parents.
- It has been a benefit to already know students at the beginning of the year.
- The barrier to expansion is teachers think teaching two curricula will require large investment of time.

2. Update on Pre-Kindergarten Program

- Ms. Gunn reported that a committee will not be formed this year to update the proposal from 2011. Without the funds to develop this program at this time, formation of a new committee will be delayed until another time.
- It was agreed that this should still be a program brought up at budget time until we get to the point where the funds are available.

3. Technology and Technology Integration Services

- Student access to technology or assistive technology in order to access the curriculum
- Universal Design—Print Instructional Materials
  - Dr. Woodhams shared information about student computers throughout the district as well as the needs and wish lists. Some rooms still do not have projectors.
  - Dr. Woodhams shared information about some of the software the district has (Kidspiration, Inspiration, Co-Writer). She also informed the committee about another program the district is looking to try out (Snap and Read). Professional Development activities are needed so staff know how to use these programs.
  - Ms. Gunn will ask Department Heads to check with their staff to determine if they are aware of the programs we currently have and the need for professional development.
  - Ms. Gunn reported we do have an account with Bookshare for any student with a print disability.
  - Ms. Gunn reported that Maine Cite and AIM websites have many resources available for professional development.
  - Ms. Gunn provided information about the pilot with PresenceLearning for speech therapy telepractice which will begin in March.

4. Special Education Update

- Psychological and Social Work Services
  - i. Ms. Gunn reported the district has 4 FT Psychological Providers, 2 contracted Clinical Psychologists, and 2 FT Social Workers.
  - ii. Ms. Gunn distributed a copy of a six month update on special education
  - iii. Ms. Gunn distributed a copy of the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey. She noted the number of students who have self-reported mental health needs.

5. Budget Update

Proposed budgets will be presented to the School Board during the month of March.

6. Student Services Committee Goals

- This item was tabled until next month's meeting.
- Committee members are asked to bring draft goals for next year.

7. Future Agenda Items

- RTI
- Connections
- Nurses
- GT/AP Program
- ESY Services

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gunn  
Director of Student Services