

Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes

School Board Members in Attendance:

Brenda Clough, Richard Ellis, Janet Connors

Chris McCarthy – Excused

Brunswick School Department Representative:

Paul Austin, Director of Student Services

John Paige, Curriculum Coordinator

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Clough at 7:35am.

1. The committee heard a report by Mr. Paige on the work he is doing with K-12 guidance in curriculum. Mr. Paige reported that the guidance counselors have worked hard at formalizing a curriculum, but that the work is time consuming. The work is focused on an evolution of guidance services that are needed to meet the needs of a wide range of students. The work is difficult, but progressing.
2. The committee heard a report by Mr. Paige on the work he is doing as the coordinator of the Brunswick School Department Academic Talent Development (ATD) program. This is a new role for Mr. Paige due to the needs of the system. Mr. Paige has been working with the talent development teachers and schools in supporting the ATD needs at each level. Mr. Paige indicated that he is just beginning to look at budgets for the program and will have recommendations for budget later in the school year. Mr. Paige reported that he was currently working with a community-based advisory committee for the ATD program and that this work is just beginning. He said that the focus of ATD in the future will be more inclusive in the general education classroom versus the pull-out model that has been used for the past several years.
3. The committee heard a report by Mr. Austin on Library Services in Brunswick Schools. Each of the schools librarians had prepared information for the committee on the scope of library services available to staff and students. The information provided committee members with the primary mission of each library and how students and staff are supported.
4. Mr. Austin updated the committee on the work he is doing with the proficiency-based steering committee for the district. The Steering committee has met one time and task force groups for Policy, Practices, and Communication are being formed.
5. Meeting adjourned at 9:25am

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Austin, Director of Student Services on October 24, 2014.