

**Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 6, 2015**

**School Board Members in Attendance:**

Brenda Clough, Sarah Singer

**Brunswick School Department Representatives:**

Barbara Gunn, Director of Student Services

Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent

Steve Ciembroniewicz

The meeting was called to order by Brenda Clough at 9:33 am.

1. The committee reviewed program and service activities:
  - a. **Preschool Program**

Mr. Ciembroniewicz distributed a Pre-Kindergarten Program Proposal from January 2011 (this was the last formal proposal). Space and staffing issues were identified by the committee today. Space is the biggest limiting factor. This agenda item will carry over to the next agenda.
  - b. **Title I Services**

Ms. Makin provided information about Cub Camp. A parent dinner was held to share information about Cub Camp. Cub Camp begins on November 7. Eight students have signed up and more may attend the next session. The camp can accommodate 20 students.
  - c. **Student Services Update**
    - Ms. Gunn reported there are about 80 students in the district with 504 plans.
    - Ms. Gunn reported on the numbers of students in the district's alternative education programs:
      - The 9<sup>th</sup> grade Academy has 40 students
      - The 10<sup>th</sup> grade Academy has 20 students
      - The BJHS program has 12 students and is at capacity
      - The Union School has 21 students
    - Ms. Gunn asked each building principal the following question: "Are there students who could experience more success if they had better use of/access to technology?" Their responses all indicated that there are students who could.
    - Professional Development surveys results from special education personnel were shared with the committee. Past, current, and future professional development activities were shared by Ms. Gunn.
  - d. **Budget Update**

Ms. Gunn and Ms. Makin discussed the need for social workers in order to meet our students' needs. Counseling services are required by students and the psychologists are stretched too thin to provide all that is required.

2. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Special Education Update
  - b. Preschool Program
  - c. Food Service Update (January)
  - d. Alternative Education (January)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gunn  
Director of Student Services