

Student Services Committee Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2014

School Board Members in Attendance:  
Brenda Clough, Chris McCarthy

Brunswick School Department Representative:  
Paul Austin, Director of Student Services  
Greg Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent  
Jean Skorapa, Principal of HBS

Meeting was called to order by Brenda Clough at 7:31am.

1. The committee heard a report by Mr. Bartlett regarding the provision of services under the Title I grant. Mr. Bartlett discussed the application process and the purpose of the Title I program. He explained the budget and how it is used. The vast majority of the Title I budget is allocated to teacher salary and benefit. Mr. Bartlett also discussed the Title II grant. The Title II grant funds classroom reduction teachers in elementary grades, and is used to partially fund professional development.
2. The committee heard a report by Jean Skorapa on the many extra-curricular opportunities for children at Harriet Beecher Stowe School. Ms. Skorapa was quick to note the importance of all the volunteers and the hours they dedicate to these extra-curricular offerings. She noted without volunteers, much of the opportunities students have now would simply not be available. The Committee discussed ways in which to highlight the importance of volunteers that enhance the education for students in the Brunswick School Department.
3. Mr. Austin updated the committee on the special education department. Mr. Austin noted that there is currently one teaching opening that needs to be filled and one educational technician position to be filled due to recent departures.
4. Next Meeting will be held on December 11, 2014, 7:30 am in the Director of Student Services Office.
5. Meeting adjourned at 9:01am

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Austin, Director of Student Services on November 25, 2014.