

Brunswick School Board
Student Services Committee Meeting
Minutes – December 6, 2017 9:45 a.m.
Office of Student Services Director

School Board Members in Attendance:

Mandy Merrill, Sarah Singer, Elizabeth Sokoloff

Brunswick School Department Representatives:

Barbara Gunn, Martin Mackey, Sue Woodhams, Christine Schmidt, Sarah Hillery

The meeting was called to order at 9:53 am.

1. Brunswick REAL School

Martin Mackey Shared the following information:

- Referrals are continuing and currently they have 32 students. Nine students are from Brunswick. Seven students will graduate this year. The building is beginning to get a little crowded.
- Staff are doing well with the additional staff hired to drive this year. Staff morale is key.
- With the metal building the noise level is high. In an attempt to reduce the noise, special fabric curtains will be installed which will block some of the noise. They are available at a reduced cost and will be purchased by a community provider.
- They are working with the Americorp Program to provide each student with a holiday gift bag. The students will participate in a Secret Snowflake gift exchange.
- Parent groups will begin after the holidays. This is open to the entire district.
- Their space is open for use by the district (after school hours).
- With their fleet of vans, they are providing some support in transporting district students.

2. Technology Update

Sue Woodhams shared the following information:

- The district is working toward meeting the adopted technology plan. We are not using technology through the standards as was hoped.
- Four years ago, the elementary integrator position was cut and has not been added back in the budget. This has had an impact. It will be in the proposed budget this year.
- The Coffin lab has been moved out while we wait for the portable. Students have missed instruction and will need extra instruction to get up to speed before moving to HBS next year.

There was discussion about Librarians now being hired with Media specialist certification.

3. Special Education Update

Barbara Gunn, Christine Schmidt, and Sarah Hillery shared the following information:

- Currently there are 8 students out of district at the Collaborative, Merrymeeting, Achieve, and CADD Schools. One will be returning to BHS in January.
- Student data from the October 1 count was shared.
- The district will be submitting evidence for the Corrective Action Plan in January.
- The CDS bill still has not been finalized. It is expected to get to the Education Committee sometime after the beginning of the new year.
- There are 30 students coming to Coffin School next year who are currently receiving services through CDS. Several of these students have significant needs.
- Barbara would like the Committee to meet again in early February to discuss the proposed budget.

4. Future Agenda Items

- Budget
- CDS
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 2 at 9:45.
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The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Gunn
Director of Student Services