

Implementation Team Meeting
August 12, 2008
5:00 to 6:00

Present: Gary Chapin, Betsy Sweet, Sarah McNaughton, Libby Ladner, LG Bond, Steve LaVoie, Dylan Sirois, John Stivers, Kendra Guiou, Don Ferrara, Snaedis Valsdottir.

Hall-Dale High School Library

Call to Order

As a group, discussed policies. Some can be rewritten, some are pretty boiler-plate. Others need to have genuine philosophical discussion.

Some questions:

How do credits translate into standards?

If they exceed 12th grade math standards, for example, what happens to the kid?

Promotion/retention?

What about testing out? (Testing forward?)

Steve L: What is an efficient way for this group to move forward?

Policies that need addressing include:

Basic Instruction

Student Achievement

Report Cards and Progress Reports

High School Grading (Middle School, Elementary School Grading)

Graduation Requirements

Promotion/Retention/Acceleration

Assessment of Students

Discussed the big questions that are hidden by the little questions.

Group began looking over concerns from June 5 Parent meeting, and from Students from last year.

As a group decided that our priority needs to be those things which will help the Middle School succeed in its implementation this year. For the next meeting Steve Lavoie will draft the report card policy.

Need to form a subcommittee to work with guidance counselor to design transcript.

Communication needs to be such that all faculty are using *similar* practices, and saying *similar* things to parents.

An aggressive parent education/communication program needs to take place. Possibly during parent/teacher conferences.

Next meeting: August 26 5:00 to 7:00