

Academic and Curriculum Subcommittee

February 6, 2020 6:00 PM
Derby Middle School Cafetorium
73 Chatfield Street

I. Call to Order

I.A. Opening Ceremonies

I.B. Roll Call

I.C. Additions/Deletions to the agenda

II. Public Participation

III. Raise Academy

Discussion about activities going on at RAISE Academy. Discussion about the use of RAISE Academy/DHS behavior matrix to establish tiered support for students implemented by DHS teachers and administrators while students are in DHS. There is increased collaboration between DMS and DHS staff which is supportive of the students' needs. Mr. DiLuggo expressed a desire to plan all staffing for RAISE Academy before the end of this school year for next school year to ensure that students start their year off with structure and consistency. Dr. Conway assured this would happen. Mr. DiLuggo will work on a handbook with an entry and exit plan.

IV. Learning Centers at Irving and Derby Middle School

Discussion about activities going on at both Irving and Derby Middle School. Implemented therapy dog visits, which is working out well thanks to United Way. Dr. Conway suggested it would be helpful to know how many kids per grade. DMS will structure a room to help the kids. Decreased enrollment in grades 3-5 in BLC. That staff is supporting grades K-2. Co-teaching occurring because of extra staff. Reviewing exit and entry criteria.

V. SRBI Structures and Systems PRE-K-12

Discussion about the SRBI program, presented by Jen Olson. SRBI has been in the elementary schools for 6 years. We have reading and math specialists at elementary schools. Derby Middle School is formalizing what is being taught and has intervention resources. Michael Rafferty has background in SRBI and talks about the current & real plans. We have the core components in place at elementary level and need to make a system and put together a plan at secondary level to address the needs of all students in general education. Derby has an elementary SRBI plan and we need to accelerate at the Middle and High School levels. Mrs. Olson shared that DHS has two math teachers for small class or push-in support. Mrs. Olson presented the DPS SRBI Manual that reflects how SRBI functions in our schools.

VI. Guidance Department

Martin Pascale introduced Dr. Yavuz, from Southern Connecticut State University who partnered with Derby High. Dr. Yavuz is working towards getting college credits at the high school. College readiness course will be offered next school year for dual credits.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Tara Hyder and accepted.

Lynnette Esposito
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.