

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 6, 2012 7:00 PM Eastern

Central Services
15-B North Granby Road
Granby, CT 06035

Jenny Emery: Present
Lynn Guelzow: Present
Cal Heminway: Present
Edward Ohannessian: Present
Benjamin Perron: Present
Rosemarie Weber: Present
Matthew Wutka: Present
Present: 7.

I.	Public Comment
II.	Administrative Reports
II.A.	Superintendent's Announcements
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II.C.	Schools in the Spotlight
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Granby Student Success Plans



Presented by Diane Dugas, Director
of Curriculum

June 2012



What is a Student Success Plan?

An SSP is an individualized student driven plan that will be developed for every student in grades 6-12 to address every student's needs and interests, helping them stay connected and achieve postsecondary educational and career goals.

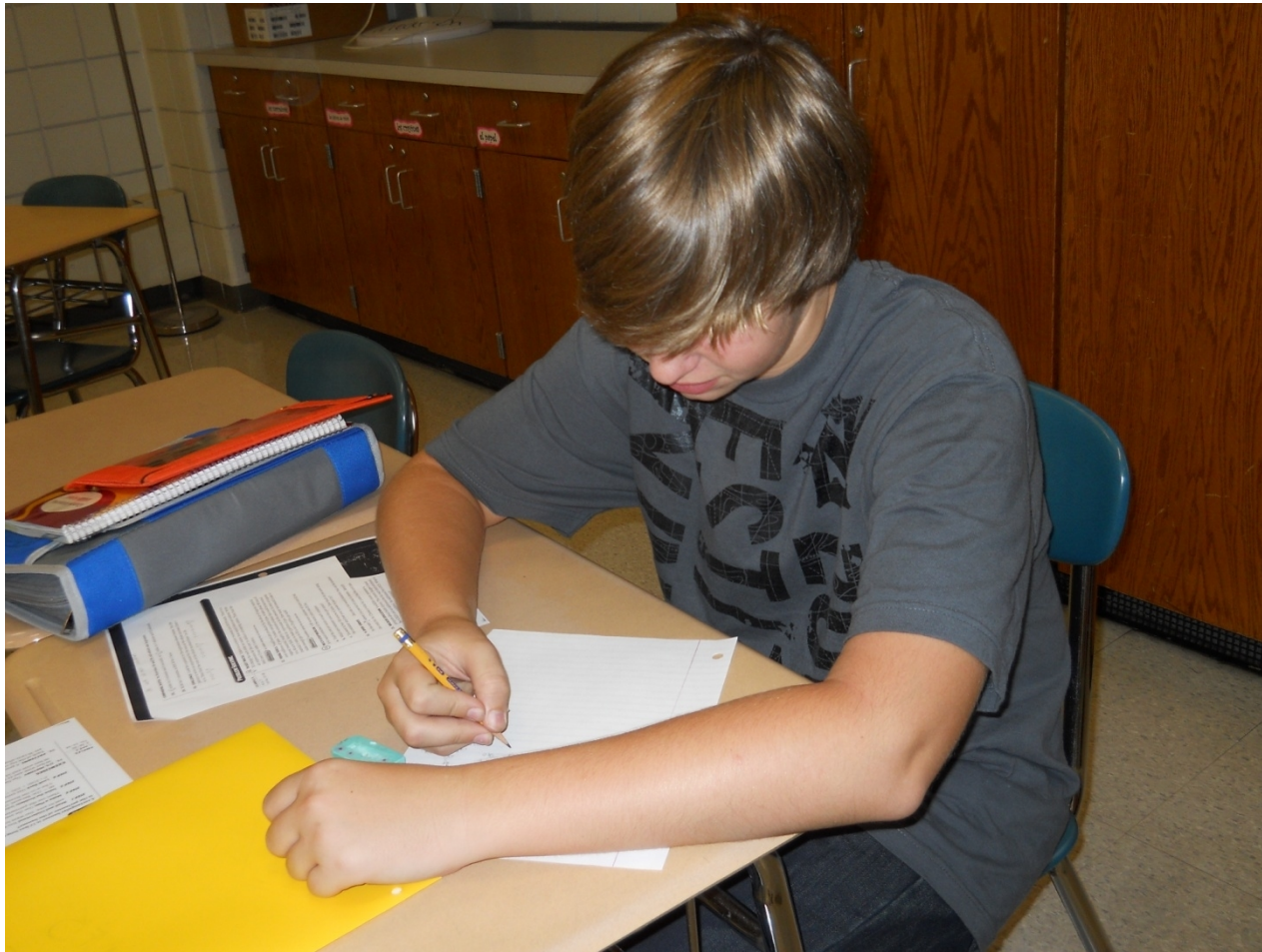
Student Success Plans Will Foster

- Mentor/Advisor Interaction
- Goal Setting and Reflection
- Growth and Development Over Time
- Compilation of Student Best Work concluding with a Capstone Project
- Communication and Engagement Between Student, Families and School Personnel
- Active, Responsible Student Participation in their Individual Plan

Core Components of Granby's Plan

- Personal/Social/Physical Development
 - Personal Goal Setting and Reflection
- Academic
 - Personal Goal Setting and Reflection
 - Strengths and Challenges as a learner
- Career Interests/Exploration
 - Goal Setting and Reflection
- Extra Curricular Activities(School & Community)/Employment
 - Goal Setting and Reflection
 - Tracking Participation and Involvement
- Compassionate Contributor
 - Personal Goal and Reflection
- Recognition/Awards – Compilation of Best Work
 - Tracking and Reflection to select work that best represent learning

Guiding Questions Driving Student Success Plan



Implementation Fall 2012



Questions?



Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes
May 16, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Central Services

Attendance Taken at 6:52 p.m.:

Present Board Members:

Jenny Emery
Lynn Guelzow
Cal Heminway
Edward Ohannessian
Rosemarie Weber
Matthew Wutka

Absent Board Members:

Benjamin Perron

Mr. Heminway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Public Comment

Mr. Heminway opened the meeting to public comment. The first speaker was ruled out of order, and Mr. Heminway adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:22 p.m. Mr. Terry Wright addressed the board. He stated that over the last two years he has been demanding information related to his daughter. Mr. Wright stated that a proper investigation was never conducted and staff members and administration have violated the policies that are in place to protect children. He stated that today he went to all of the schools in Granby to see their respective records of verified acts of bullying and in his opinion none of them were in compliance with state law. Mr. Wright said that he is calling for the resignation of Cal Heminway.

Mr. Duane Stupienski, 2 Hayfield Lane in Granby, stated that he would like to encourage people in decision-making positions to strongly consider the present condition of the high school baseball field specifically for its safe use next. Mr. Heminway suggested that Mr. Stupienski speak to Ben Perron the Board representative on the athletic field building committee.

II. Administrative Reports

II.A. Superintendent's Announcements

- Mr. Addley thanked Mr. Stupienski for speaking on behalf of many parents concerned about the baseball field.
- Congratulations to Kelly Lane and the High School for receiving recognition last Friday for the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.
- The final performance of "The Quest for Quasi", a Wells Road drama production, will be held this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Thank you to the PTO and to the Board for recognition of teacher appreciation week last week.
- Thank you also to the PTO for the multicultural concert and anti-bullying assemblies.

- Teacher leadership academy ended last week. A few teachers will be speaking about this later this evening.
- There will be a parent evening on Tuesday May 22nd on interventions from the D&CP study.
- May and June are very busy months. Board members are welcome to attend events across the district.
- Graduation will be held on June 13 at 5:30 p.m.
- Kelly Lane's last day of school will be on June 14th.
- A reminder that school will be in session on May 29th.

II.B. Student Representative Reports

- Prom will be held this Friday and the senior outing on Monday at High Meadow.
- Graduation is June 13th at 5:30 p.m.
- Leo club will have a team for the relay for life fundraiser.
- National Honor Society is still trying to raise \$2000 for women-to-women charity.
- June 1st underclassmen
- Physics classes will be taking the annual Lake Compounce field trip
- The Summer College Explorations Seminar will be held on July 9th this year.

II.C. CAFE Student Leadership Awards

Casey Stickel and Vincent Lucca received the 8th grade CAFE Leadership awards. BOE representatives Jennifer Lengvarsky and Sean Goodridge received the 11th and 12th grade CAFE leadership awards.

II.D. Business Manager's Report

April statement of accounts - \$ 165K favorable last month is down to \$121K this month due to year-end repair projects and money for the baseball field. The revenue page shows no change. The Finance Subcommittee reviewed this statement this evening.

II.E. Teaching and Learning

Mr. Michael Dunn, K-12 Language Arts Supervisor; Ms. Elaine Chagnon, Consulting Teacher; and Ms. Stephanie Stupienski, Humanities Teacher at Kelly Lane reported to the Board on the Teacher Leadership Academy. This academy is designed to build a culture of learning at all levels. The Teacher Leadership Academy is in its fourth year with 63 members attending over the four years. Ms. Chagnon stated that she has finished her 3rd cohort and had never considered herself a leader and that being in this cohort has expanded her perception of this. Ms. Stephanie Stupienski stated it was nice to get together with colleagues across the district and that everyone works together to achieve vertical articulation. She stated that she has walked away with a richer understanding of practices and curriculum. She also stated she is currently taking on more leadership roles and feels completely supported and encouraged to do so.

III. Consent Agenda

III.A. Minutes

A motion was made by Ed Ohannessian and seconded by Jenny Emery to adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed at 8:02 p.m. with one abstention (Matt Wukta).

IV. Old Business

IV.A. 2012-2015 Technology Plan

The 2012-2015 technology plan is due to the state and will need to be voted on by the board on June 20th. This plan is based on Granby Public Schools' vision for 21st century citizenship. This plan is a state requirement and is driven by standards for college and career readiness. The development process for the plan was shared. The vision for the plan was specifically designed to align with the district's vision. Strengths and weaknesses of the self-assessment portion of the plan were discussed as well as the five goals: 1) Engaging and empowering learning experiences; 2) assessment; 3) connected teaching and learning; 4) infrastructure for teaching and learning; and, 5) productivity and efficiency. Mr. Addley inquired if the board would agree to have Mr. Jonathan Costas will attend the June 6th BOE meeting to discuss many of the questions that the Board has with regard to bring your own device. The Board inquired about teachers' technology proficiency, based on survey results. The Board also inquired about the percentage of computers available for middle school students as indicated for the on-line assessments in the plan. Mr. Addley stated he will report back on the number of computers per student at the middle school. The Board also inquired about asking the town (library, town hall, senior center) in addition to collaborating with other towns. The board will continue its discussion of this topic at the June 20th meeting.

V. New Business

V.A. Leave-of-Absence Request

A one-year leave-of-absence for Ms. Diane Kosan was presented to the Board. Mr. Addley stated that he supports this leave-of-absence for one year. A motion was made by Jenny Emery and seconded by Lynn Guelzow at 9:00 p.m. This motion passed unanimously.

V.B. Boardwalk, BOE Summer Schedule and FY13 Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed the draft boardwalk agenda for June 6th. The focus will be on the district vision and mission. Ms. Powell will send out a revised draft meeting schedule for 2012-2013, with corrected dates.

VI. Miscellaneous

VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports

VI.A.1. Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication

This Committee met this evening and discussed student success plans and the plan to bring Naviance down to grades 6, 7, and 8 next year. The Committee also reviewed the technology plan and the revisions that were made, in advance of presentation to the full Board. A policy for bring your own device will be discussed on June 6th, for presentation to the full Board on June 20th. The Committee also discussed math resources; \$20K has been earmarked for math curriculum, once resources consistent with the core curriculum are identified. Once resources are identified, they will come to the board for approval.

VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities

This Committee met this evening and discussed the statement of accounts. The Committee discussed the healthy food certification from the state and decided to decline it, due to some of the restrictions. Ms. Emery noted an interest in continuing to review this issue in the future. The Committee also reviewed a list of year-end priorities (approx. 14 items on the list) and an update on the electronics lab. The lab is coming in under budget by \$22K. There was a preliminary review of the pre-school playground at Kearns - fencing and equipment for age appropriate students (2-5 years of age).

VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports

VI.B.1. Athletic Field Project Committee

Nothing to report.

VI.B.2. CREC/CABE

Cal Heminway and Jenny Emery attended the legislative session yesterday. Ms. Emery highlighted items from the new bill that are relative to Granby and items that Granby may want to take advantage of. She stated with regard to early childhood education, it is not just for high-need districts and that Granby will be in good shape due to actions taken this year. The bill calls for establishment of a school performance index (SPI) - a way to benchmark against other schools; and teacher evaluation. There is much detail yet to be developed, and opportunity for engagement by other Board members.

The CREC annual meeting was held this afternoon. Granby was named to the CREC council board. There was some discussion of bring your own device which is clearly an issue being hotly debated throughout the region and throughout the state.

VI.B.3. Granby Education Foundation

There will be a GEF Board Meeting next week.

VI.B.4. District Efficiency Initiatives

Nothing to report.

VI.C. Calendar of Events

The calendar of events is as presented.

VI.D. Board Member Announcements

There were no board member announcements.

VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting

A motion was made by Matt Wutka and seconded by Jenny Emery to adjourn the regular meeting and to into a brief executive session to discuss a personnel matter. This motion passed unanimously at 9:25 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Linda Powell
Board Recorder

Jenny Emery
Board Secretary

**Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2012
5:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

Diane Dugas - Present
Jenny Emery – Present
Ben Perron – Absent
Rosemarie Weber – Present

Meeting commenced at: 5:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:30 p.m.

1. The Consent Agenda was approved.

2. Old Business

a) Technology Committee/Plan - Discussed revisions to plan based on issues raised at last meeting. Schedule: BYOD policy will be discussed in the subcommittee meeting on 6/6 and will be presented to the BOE as a whole on 6/20 along with the entire plan. A vote on the Technology Plan is scheduled to take place on 6/20.

b) Student Success Plan - Reviewed framework. Put into context based on state requirements and then more specifically how it relates to Granby. To be incorporated into Naviance program; which is already being used at the 9 – 12 level. To be implemented at 6 – 8 level in the Fall. Guidance will direct this program through developmental guidance lessons with the children. Guidance, teachers, administrators, and parents will have access to individual student success plans for review. Student plans to be reviewed with each student, initially two times per year, but ultimately three times per year. Student success plans are universally supported by teachers in district. Plan is required to be in place by July. The plan is to be presented to entire BOE at 6/6 meeting.

c) Math Resources - math curriculum being finalized consistent with common core. Algebra I was discussed. This year all seventh graders qualified for entrance into eight grade Algebra I. Math resources are in the process of being identified and will be presented to the subcommittee for review and approval in the fall.

Finance/Personnel/Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Matt Wutka	Present	Alan Addley	Present
Ed Ohannessian	Present	Harry Traver	Present
Lynn Guelzow	Present	Tom Steinke	Present

Meeting commenced at: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:55 p.m.

1. April Statements of Accounts – Projected balance of \$120K favorable.
2. Healthy Foods Certification – Elected to decline Healthy Foods Certification.
3. Year-End Repair and Maintenance Projects List – Reviewed priority list for additional spending of \$172,400.
4. Update on Electronics Lab – Looks to come under budget by \$22K. Budget was \$164K and costs are coming in at \$142K. Pending state approval on all proposed equipment.
5. Plans for Pre-School Playground – Conceptually approved the items for the playground. Need full review of budget for preschool to make sure all on track.
6. Other - None reported.

May 30- June 1	Nature's Classroom (Grade 6, Kelly/Wells) Camp Becket		
June 1	Kindergarten Music Program	10 a.m. & 2 p.m.	Gymnasium
June 1	Underclassmen Awards' Ceremony	1-2:20 p.m.	HS Auditorium
June 1	8 th Grade End-of-Year Block Party	6:30-8:30 p.m.	MS Grounds
June 4	Wells Road Band Concert	7:00 p.m.	WR Cafetorium
June 5	6 th Grade Picnic – Kelly/Wells	8:30-1:00 p.m.	Salmon Brook
June 5	Kelly Lane 4 th Grade Band Concert	7-8 p.m.	KL Cafetorium
June 6	Boardwalk/Retiree Luncheon Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Finance Subcommittee Meeting BOE Meeting	8:00 a.m.-3 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	All Schools/Sr. Ctr. Central Services Central Services Central Services
June 7	Middle School Band Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
June 7-14	Early Release Days (14 th for Kelly Lane Only)		
June 8	Kelly Lane Field Day		
June 8	Top Scholar Luncheon	11:30 a.m.	Hop Meadow CC
June 11	Wells Road Field Day	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Wells Road Grounds
June 12	Kelly Lane 6 th Grade Talent Show	10:15 a.m.	Cafetorium
June 12	8 th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony	5:30-6:15 p.m.	HS Auditorium
June 13	Graduation/Last Day of School		
June 14	Last Day of School for Kelly Lane		
June 20	Finance Subcommittee Meeting BOE Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Services Central Services
June 26 – July 11	High School trip to Honduras		
July 23	Board Summer Retreat	TBD	