

Committee Members  
Brian A. O'Connell, Chairman  
Robert A. Bogigian  
John F. Monfredo

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## A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Curriculum Development met at 5:02 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Mr. Bogigian and Mr. Monfredo

Mr. O'Connell arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Representing Administration were: Mrs. Ciccone and Dr. Friel

Others in Attendance: J. Hart, D. Johnson and Dr. Paez

gb #6-208 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell (November 9, 2006)

Request that the Administration interact with the Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council and interested PTOs to review the checklist provided by Parents Place, Parent Information and Resource Center to determine whether it can be implemented in the Worcester Public Schools to encourage more parental participation.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Family Friendly Checklist as amended giving the discretion to the Administration to make the necessary changes in the document prior to its dissemination.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide translations in four languages for the Family Friendly Checklist.

Request that when the 10 week period report cards are distributed that the Family Friendly Checklist be included, completed and returned back by the student to the respective school along with the signed report card. The principals, upon receipt of the surveys, will then forward them to the Family Involvement Committee.

Request that the Administration provide at the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Curriculum Development, a response to gb #9-174, the Parent Involvement Plan, and include all necessary revisions prior to the meeting.

gb #6-208 (continued)

Request that the Administration investigate whether technology exists within the Worcester Public Schools to tabulate the results of the Family Friendly Checklist.

Request that, if the technology doesn't exist within the Worcester Public Schools, that the Administration interact with the school/business partnerships, especially WPI and/or the Massachusetts Parent Information and Resource Center to find a way collaboratively to tabulate and cross reference responses to the checklist by use of a scantron or other technology.

Request that the Administration forward the results of the survey to the School Committee and the School Site Councils.

Request that the Administration respond in writing to the following prior action motions at the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Curriculum Development on Monday, October 5, 2009.

Request that the Administration amend the Safe Schools Audit Checklist by including a verification that a welcome message in appropriate languages is displayed at the entry of each school.

Request that copies of the School Improvement Plans be e-mailed to all staff members and interested parents.

Request that the individual members of the Site Council sign the respective School Improvement Plan after it is finalized and before it is submitted to the Superintendent.

Request that the Administration provide a report as to the collective bargaining implications regarding the development, on a pilot basis, of a viable Student Led Parent Teacher Conference at the middle and high school levels, which pilot program may include flex time replacing required after school time at schools with evening conference times.

gb #6-208 (continued)

Request that the newly created Family Involvement Committee review and make recommendations on the Title I parent policy of Yarmouth Maine as contained in Annex A for gb #7-51 and report back to the Standing Committee on Curriculum Development in October 2008.

Request that the Administration review with principals the elements of the Epstein Model in their School Improvement Plans and request that they provide updates on the parental involvement section of the School Improvement Plans to the School Committee in December, March and May of each year.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

HOLD for discussion of the amendments of the Family Friendly Checklist to include two separate response grids, if appropriate, for the meeting of the Standing Committee on Curriculum Development on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.  
Clerk of the School Committee