

Secondary Literacy Comm. Minutes 10/22/07

The Secondary Literacy Comm. met from 3-4pm on 10/22/07.

The following members were in attendance:

D. Connors

A. DiLolo

J. Beams

J. Cea

T. Bradway

C. McCann

L. Caplan

We discussed an article we read on Enhancing Student Achievement from Charolette Danielson's book and it addressed the issue of not meeting the needs of our low income and low socio-economic students.

We discussed how DO we meet the needs of our low income students and are we sensitive enough to their needs?

The idea of Big Brothers/Sisters, mentoring with older students paired w/ younger students as well as Ruby Paine who conducts workshops on this exact issue.

We formed our help/hinder list and addressed our time lines in our RACI charts.

D. Connors has been instrumental in conducting small prof. dev. sessions to our junior high teachers, however the turn out has not been that great so we brainstormed ways in which we could increase attendance due to all the work she is putting into these sessions and the benefits they may have.

We discussed the means to maximize Ms. Connors' effectiveness due to her schedule and time constraints.

The conversation turned to the possible need for another reading teacher as a position at the high school was not filled once Phyllis Torrisi retired.

Lastly, we discussed means in which we can use to evaluate

D. Connors' effectiveness as well as best practices in the classroom. We will try to establish benchmarks at our next session in order to accomplish this.

Each educator on this committee will bring writing samples from their class to our next meeting as well as individual state assessments.

Our next meeting is Wed., Nov. 7th from 11:30a.m.-2:30pm.

Please speak to any members of the Secondary Literacy Committee if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to our meeting.

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