

Committee Members  
Dianna Biancheria, Chairman  
Tracy Novick, Vice-chairman  
Brian A. O'Connell

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## A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievement met at 5:38 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Ms. Novick and Chairman Biancheria

There was absent: Mr. O'Connell

Mr. Monfredo was also in attendance

Representing Administration: Dr. Perda and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: K. Brenner, K. Valentine-Goins, J. DeFalco and R. Walton

gb #2-13 - Miss Biancheria (January 11, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the existing programs supported by Perkins funding specific to building Career Technical Education to include the number of students enrolled in Chapter 74 approved courses and career technical courses that are non Chapter 74 approved but do offer technical education.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the Administration explore the feasibility of offering an agricultural program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration consider adding more non Chapter 74 courses specific to areas beneficial to students.

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the implementation of culinary courses for students in the Reach and Challenge program.

gb #2-13 (continued)

Request that the Administration consider converting the existing non Chapter 74 courses to Chapter 74 courses with the caveat that it will be taught by licensed teachers.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the actual costs to run the various programs at Worcester Technical High School.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #2-48 - Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell (February 8, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide an assessment report on Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and highlight particularly both technology needs and the phasing out of the current state assessment.

Ms. Novick made the following motions:

Request that the Administration consider offering keyboarding instruction to students due to the lack of knowledge in this area.

Request that the Administration provide a report on the ventilation/air circulation in the computer labs and provide a needed maintenance schedule if they are running extremely warm.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #2-298 - Miss Biancheria (October 24, 2012)

Request that the Administration provide a report regarding the Goddard Scholars Program to include the number of students enrolled and the number that have completed the program for the last three years.

Ms. Novick asked the Administration to explain the necessary changes in the application process for the Goddard Scholars Program and determine what changes need to be made in the future.

gb #2-298 (continued)

Mr. DeFalco stated that, through the Innovation Plan, the school has been able to provide more diversity in the programs and opportunities in collaborative settings for special education students and ELL students.

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward to Mr. DeFalco the 12 page report on various criteria for admission that was submitted to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Establishment of an Exam School and/or International Baccalaureate Program.

Ms. Novick requested that the Administration provide, when the Innovation Plan is discussed again, the following information:

- status of admission criteria for the Goddard Scholars Program and
- assurance that the information requested from applicants to the program truly reflects the program that is being offered

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide the number of students that have applied to the Goddard Scholars Academy versus those who actually enrolled in it.

Request that the Administration provide the enrollment by school of students who are applying to the Goddard Scholars Academy.

Request that the Administration provide a comparison chart of testing data in order to compare GSA students vs. non-GSA students per school site.

Request that the Administration provide the percent of students that actually stay enrolled in the Worcester Public Schools after completion of the Goddard Scholars Academy at the middle school level.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

motion (gb #0-293.1) - Administration/Miss Biancheria (December 2, 2010)

Request that the Administration provide quarterly reports on the number of high school student transfers indicating the names of the schools and the reason for the transfer.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item for the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Student Achievement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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