

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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 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

Representing Administration: Dr. Perda and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: M. Paynich, R. Pezzella and E. St. John

### c&p #2-9 - Clerk (August 3, 2012)

To consider a communication from a citizen regarding the findings of an ACLU/Citizens for Juvenile Justice report entitled "Arrested Futures."

Mr. Pezzella did a detailed presentation on the report entitled "Arrested Futures."

Ms. Novick made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a copy of the agreement with the police officers that covers both their financing and duties.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the schools that have the PBIS Program and the number of schools that have staff being trained in that program.

c&p #2-9 (continued)

Request that the Administration provide in a Friday Letter a review of the infraction list and codes for suspensions.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

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

gb #3-127 - Administration (April 12, 2013)

Request that the Administration seek input from the School Committee regarding the 2013 student, teacher and parent survey.

Ms. Novick indicated that there are three topics that should be incorporated into the parent survey:

- questions regarding school leadership and school culture
- how inclusive principals are in terms of incorporating parents' voices
- how often are parents consulted about school operations (i.e. Site Council review of Budget)

Ms. Novick suggested the following proposed topics for consideration in the formulation of the student survey:

- the relevancy of homework
- amount of testing time
- time for outside recess for students in grades 4-6
- the kind of access students have to outside space and what they are allowed to do
- the adequacy of time allotted for outside recess and
- whether parents/guardians encourage their child to attend college

Miss Biancheria suggested:

- that there be fewer questions on the surveys and the questions contained in it be more specific
- a review of the timeframe for responding on the 9-12 survey
- a suggestion not to add a question without deleting one
- the way in which the surveys are disseminated and returned

gb #3-127 (continued)

Miss Biancheria made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report in a Friday Letter on the responses from the surveys last year for all groups.

On a voice vote, the motion was 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.

Miss Biancheria made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the number of Worcester public school student transfers in a format similar to the one in Annex A, page 3.

Request that the Administration provide a report on student achievement as a result of the work of the Wraparound Coordinators.

Request that the Administration provide in a Friday Letter a list of the sites that have wraparound services.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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