

Superintendent's Report

There was no Superintendent's Report.

New Business

- * First reading of the Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources and the Internet policy. Barnet has a policy in place but it is outdated. Cell phones are not covered under this policy but might be covered under some other policy. There appeared to be a typo on the second page, item B, "say" should be "way". The policy will be brought back to the Board for a second reading.
- * Interview potential Board Member. The person that was to be interviewed did not make it to the meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Financial

- * 2014 Budget Development. Items the Board thought needed addressing, more information or cost estimates were as follows:
 - a. Make the budget this time and not miss it.
 - b. Continue foreign language and the winter wellness program. Make foreign language a full time program.
 - c. Look at more ways for student enrichment; students have left the school because they have not been challenged enough academically. There needs to be something to stimulate students with special interests. Forensics, poetry-out-loud, and drama club were suggested ideas for enrichment.
 - d. More information on the after-school grant. There should be something to give to the Town regarding cost of the after school program.
 - e. Be more thoughtful and creative on what is offered for student flex-time.

Principal Gonyaw asked for input on technology, the Tier II services, and the continuation of the model in place now. He mentioned Essential Arts time was cut back this year and maybe Essential Arts teachers could be used in another way. Perhaps an integrated music and art program could be started. There is some thought to having a music and math program. It was agreed the Tier II services should be continued. There was a suggestion to have a community project involving students and the community. Updating the Strategic Plan was a suggested as a project.

Principal Gonyaw reported "While there may not be a need for additional staff for the upcoming year, there should be more professional development added to the budget."

Technology was discussed and the need for a plan to replace and maintain equipment. There should be a revolving schedule for replacing equipment. The school should be more aggressive on getting the tools necessary, especially for the lower grades. This year, the Macs were leased for three years at a cost of \$15,000; Principal Gonyaw would like to see another \$20,000 there for new equipment and for repair of existing equipment. Printers are an issue and there may be the need for larger, shared printers.

There was discussion of heating the school as it may be a bad year for fuel costs. The new boilers are assumed to be more efficient but the building is not so efficient. David Warden suggested having an efficiency audit done; Burleigh could be in charge of getting this information and perhaps involve a student as well.

The Playground Committee was discussed and whether there were items that could be added to the playground.

A summer program for students was discussed and perhaps using the Tier II teachers for such a program. There would need to be money budgeted for that. There was a summer camp held a few years ago that was successful. Perhaps the Town Library could be worked into such a program.

There will need to be an amount budgeted for Guidance Counselor in the next budget. Angel will be doing an internship and someone will need to fill in until she is through with that.

Other Business

- * Appointing an interim Board member to fill Shannon Larocque's seat. Since the person that was supposed to attend tonight did not make it, there was discussion on whether someone else should be chosen to fill the vacancy. Jim Schenck suggested David Warden fill in until Town Meeting in March.

Future Agenda Items

- * Second reading of the Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources and the Internet policy
- * Financial Update
- * Principal Gonyaw suggested having teachers attend Board meetings on a regular basis to discuss their programs. This will be discussed with staff.
- * Publicity/ways to get more public involved with the meetings. CCSU as two interns that could work on publicity. Perhaps having a Facebook page would be a good first step. Submitting articles to the Caledonian Record was also suggested.

There was discussion on whether discussion of a Board replacement required Executive Session. The appointment would only be until Town Meeting. There was strong support for David Warden being appointed to the position. Louis Bushey made a motion to nominate David Warden to serve as acting Board member until March to fill the seat formerly held by Shannon Larocque; Jim Schenck seconded the motion. **Approved**

Adjournment

8:34 pm Louis Bushey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jim Schenck seconded the motion. **Approved**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Hinman
Jim Schenck