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Accountability Minutes 09/23/2010

Approved

Arlington School Committee

District Accountability & Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.

Attendance

Subcommittee Members: Jeff Thielman, Kirsy Allison-Ampe, M.D. (Joseph Curran - absent)

District Leadership: Kathleen Bodie, Ed.D.,

SEPAAC Representative: Carole Greeley

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

- The minutes of the August 30, 2010 subcommittee meeting were approved. Motion by Dr. Allison-Ampe, second by Mr. Thielman. Approve 2-0.
- Dr. Bodie reported that Mary Ryder is working on forming a working group to draft and implement an inclusion vision statement. Mr. Ryder has agreed to assemble the working group by no later than October 15, 2010. Dr. Bodie said Mr. Ryder will have more to report by the next subcommittee meeting.
- In Dr. Raemer's absence, Dr. Bodie presented a draft review of the Arlington Public Schools' Technology Program. The district has been assessing the current program with the guidance of an internal advisory committee that includes APS faculty and staff and one parent.
 - Dr. Allison-Ampe suggested that the report of the current program be submitted to the School Committee in December of 2010 so that its recommendations could be taken into account when developing the FY '12 budget. Budget development for the next fiscal year usually takes place in January and February.
 - Dr. Bodie said this was a good suggestion, and she agreed to confer with Dr. Raemer and members of the committee.
- Discussion of Draft FY '11 District Goals
 - Dr. Bodie presented a revised draft of Goal 1 – "Ensure all Arlington students are well-prepared for academics, social, emotional and vocational success in the 21st century."

Dr. Allison-Ampe raised questions about Draft Goal 1 (d), "Improve student achievement in science content and process skills and increase student awareness of opportunities in STEM fields K-12." Her understanding was that the new schedule slightly reduced the time for science instruction. Dr. Bodie said she would ask Arlington High School Principal Charlie Skidmore to make a presentation to the School Committee to answer this question.

Mr. Thielman said the revisions made in Goal 1 since the last meeting were helpful.

Dr. Bodie said she would have the remaining goals (Goal 2 – "Create systems for increased communication and collaboration across the district" and "Provide the tools, infrastructure and systems to support district initiatives and learning environments.") ready for discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

- The subcommittee agreed to meet again on Wednesday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m.
- New Business – None

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.