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Accountability Minutes 11/19/2010

Approved Minutes

Arlington School Committee

District Accountability & Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 19, 2010 @ 3:30 p.m.

Attendance

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

District Leadership: Wallis Raemer, Ed.D.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

- The minutes of the October 6, 2010 subcommittee meeting were approved. Motion by Dr. Allison-Ampe, second by Mr. Thielman. Approve 2-0.
- The subcommittee received the following materials from Mark Ryder, Director of Special Education Services, relevant to Special Education inclusion effort:
 - Minutes of the October 7, 2010 meeting
 - Dates of Inclusion Committee meetings (9 meetings scheduled throughout the year)
 - Participant contact information
 - Dr. Allison-Ampe noted that the group norms for conducting effective meetings and establishing strong communication practices were mentioned in the October 7, 2010 minutes but not included in the materials distributed.
- The subcommittee reviewed the proposed APS "Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan." The subcommittee did not have any objections to the plan. Some points of discussion:
 - Approximately 25 elementary school teachers need Open Circle Training. The cost to train each teacher is \$900.

The term "MARC" was mentioned in the report. This stands for "Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center", which provided consultation to the team drafting the plan.

Dr. Raemer said much of the detail in the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan is already being implemented in the district. The process of drafting the plan allowed the district to update some of its practices.

The subcommittee moved to support the draft Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan and forward it to the full School Committee for approval. Motion by Dr. Allison-Ampe, second by Mr. Thielman. Approved 2-0.

Dr. Raemer agreed to present the plan to the full School Committee on November 23rd. She noted that the School Committee must adopt the plan by no later than December 31st. Mr. Thielman noted that the only

meeting scheduled in December is taking place on December 14th. Dr. Raemer agreed to work with Chairman Joe Curro to ensure that a vote is schedule for that meeting. She further explained that the time between the meeting on November 23rd and December 14th will be for "public comment." Any member of the public wishing to comment on the plan should forward ideas to her.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.