

Support Services Subcommittee

March 11, 2019 6:30 PM
Derby Middle School Library
73 Chatfield Street

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jim Gildea
Mrs. Laura Harris
Mrs. Casey Picheco
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio

Adam Baker, Counselor, Derby Middle School
Ray Coplin, Assistant Principal, Derby High School
Jennifer Olson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Jennifer Carbone, Social Worker, Derby High School
Shelley Sheridan, Director, Special Education Department
Aimee Misset, Principal, Irving School
Martin Pascale, Principal, Derby High School
Jennifer Ostrosky, Counselor, Derby High School
Anat Segal, Counselor, Derby Middle School
Dr. Matthew J. Conway, Jr., Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order

Discussion:
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

I.a. Opening Ceremonies

I.b. Roll Call

Discussion:

II. Public Participation

Discussion:
No one was present from the public.

III. Learning Center Follow-Up

Discussion:
Shelley Sheridan reviewed the special education learning center professional development plan that was complete with training topics, dates and trainees. Shelley Sheridan reviewed the upcoming collaboration with SERC. They will be working the Team on curriculum delivery, potential grade re-organization, behavioral plan implementation, professional development, etc.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: The Support Services Subcommittee approve the minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Casey Picheco.

Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes

V. Discussion about the Open Forum - Guidance Services

Discussion:

Held a group discussion on the guidance department. Discussion points included:

- o We are small enough that we can be more personalized
- o Career planning and scheduling as 8th graders moving to high school
- o Eighth grade mentor/shadow program
- o Rigorous course selection assistance tied into career plan
- o Consistent year-to-year face time contact that is intentional and with a purpose
- o Free choice guidance counselor selection
- o Failure analysis of kids who are not succeeding
- o Integration into a college thinking mindset and an earlier age

Next steps: Professional team to discuss how to phase in and implement a more personalized approach to guidance.

Reviewed stakeholder feedback via focus groups

- o Parents
- o Students
- o Staff
- o Community

VI. Adjourn

Discussion:

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Motion Passed: The Support Services Subcommittee adjourn its meeting. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Casey Picheco.

Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes

Dina Gotowala
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.