



West Islip School District

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

March 13, 2014

High School Guidance Office ~ 7:15 p.m.

Members: S. Gellar, B. Burns, A. Rullan,

Also in attendance: S. Brady, R. Maginness, K. O'Connor

The meeting convened at 7:16 p.m.

- Refusals to take NYS Assessments Protocols ~ Frequently Asked Questions are posted on the website and protocols are being shared and reviewed by administration and teachers.
- NYS Testing
 - 3-8 Testing ~ with the double-testing waiver in place for 8th grade students who no longer need to take both the NYS Math 8 assessment and the CC Algebra Regents, we are developing a plan to ensure instructional integrity for students who will not be tested during the 3-8 Math testing administration.
 - Common Core Regents ~ the CC Algebra and English Regents are scheduled to take place on June 3rd. We are seeking to administer the exams at a different location for the Middle Schools and adjust the schedule for the High School to limit disruptions to the school day
- Elementary Professional Development Survey Responses ~ exit surveys from the elementary teachers (K-5) indicate productive days and high engagement.
- Professional Development Committee Proposal ~ Professional Development Committee proposed embedding four half-days of professional development into the school calendar with a cost savings of over \$81,000.
- Discovery Program/Math Intervention Specialist ~ to reallocate the position from the Discovery Program Enrichment Teacher to a Math Intervention Specialist (referred to as a Math Coach in the budget presentation), curriculum writing is essential to incorporate project-based investigations into the existing curriculum.
- Other ~ discussed the options regarding making up a snow day (may have more inclement weather, possibility of adding on at the end of the school year).

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.