

East Lyme Board of Education
ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES (AAA) COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, November 9, 2015

East Lyme High School

6:06-6:58 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Jaime Barr Shelburn (Acting Chair) and Tim Hagen

Administration Present: Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Donna Gittleman (Interim Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel), Dr. Karen Costello (Administrator for Program Improvement), Mike Susi (High School Principal), Judy DeLeeuw (Middle School Principal)

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1. **Rationale for Physics A Curriculum Revision for ELHS:** HS teacher Brad Normand presented some changes to be made to the high school physics curriculum. These changes will make it more accessible to the students, more like real life, and the program will better align with the new standards. The committee likes the ideas, will inform the Board, and agrees these changes should go forward.
2. ***Odyssey of the Mind* Discussion:** There was much discussion on what a great program this is. While there is agreement on the learning power of the program in order for it to be a school sponsored program, it would have to go through all of the proper channels and follow all of the Board of Education policies.
3. **Update on Elementary Global Language Program:** The new program is going well. There is still not a French teacher but will keep working on it for next year. There was discussion on funding and whether we should keep relying on Spiral to fund it. The committee believes that the Board should assume the cost from here on out.
4. **Update on Ad hoc Chinese Program Meeting:** The sub-committee met last week and are working on defining rolls of all involved while trying to figure out the small bumps in the system. The Chinese students seem to be adjusting better, and the high school students are including them more.

Respectfully Submitted,

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