

# QUINCY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 7, 2015

A meeting of the Teaching & Learning Subcommittee was held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Coddington Building. Present were Mr. Bregoli, Mr. Noel DiBona, Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, Mrs. Anne Mahoney, and Ms. Barbara Isola, Chair. Also attending were Superintendent DeCristofaro, Mrs. Rita Bailey, Deputy Superintendent Kevin Mulvey, Mrs. Maura Papile, Mrs. Erin Perkins, Ms. Madeline Roy, Mr. Keith Segalla; Quincy Education Association President Ms. Allison Cox; Mr. David Blaton from the Citywide Parents Council, and Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk.

Executive Director of Information Technology Keith Segalla presented the **Technology and Training Program Improvement Plan**. The new Technology & Training Team collaborates with the Elementary and Middle School/High School Digital Learning and Principal Teams on hardware and software purchases, training for staff, and outreach to parents and families.

Goals for 2015-2016: (1) Design and develop the Quincy Public Schools Technology Plan for 2017-2019, which is due to be submitted to DESE in June 2016. (2) Support the implementation of online assessments, including MAP, Access 2.0, MCAS 2.0. (3) Provide and support a variety of technology planning and training opportunities, Aspen, AESOP, curriculum support for *Math Ideas*, Eno and Mimio whiteboards. (4) Increase funding opportunities for digital learning initiatives, including grant opportunities, working with individual school PTOs, and corporate partners.

Mr. Segalla shared several appendices, including the Sterling Middle School Technology Survey (Sterling staff); IT Director Survey (outside school districts); FY2016 Budget expenditures for QPS hardware and software. Mr. Segalla shared the 2015-2016 Aspen training timeline, Aspen Publications. Online resources include the QPS Technology Plan and Acceptable Use Policy.

Mr. DiBona asked about the Aspen implementation, how do we compare to other school districts. Mr. Segalla said there is an upcoming check-in with Aspen, we have embraced the rollout and implemented multiple modules in a short time. Mr. DiBona said the impact on parents is evident.

Mr. Blaton asked about how funding is allocated, Mr. Segalla said technology is assessed and areas of need addressed in order of replacing the oldest student-facing technology.

Ms. Isola made a motion to accept the Technology and Training Program Improvement Plan. Mrs. Hubley seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Mr. Bregoli introduced the review of the Concussion Policy. Mrs. Papile reviewed that in 2011-2012, in response to the new regulations, we developed this policy in response to a new law. Quincy Public Schools went above and beyond with establishing baseline testing expectations for students in Grade

8 prior to beginning high school sports. Training for all coaches, trainers, and health services staff members in recognizing and managing concussion was completed. The school nurses have done an amazing job of working with students and families in response to concussions.

Mr. Bregoli asked how teachers are apprised of student limitations when a student has been diagnosed with a concussion. Mrs. Papile said a student diagnosed with a concussion is entitled to receive a 504 plan. Accommodations are managed on a case-by-case basis; student support staff work with students, families, and teachers on creating an individualized plan for a thoughtful return to academic and athletic activity.

Ms. Isola made a motion to confirm the concussion policy has been reviewed and is approved without amendment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubley and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

The last item on the agenda is voter registration for high school students. Dr. DeCristofaro said that we have had a preliminary discussion with the City Clerk's office, voter registration at each high school can be scheduled for the spring.

Mrs. Hubley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Ms. Isola seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.