

Minutes
Monday, September 27, 2010
Board of Education Workshop
Adams Middle School

Board Members Present: Bill Bloss, Alan Meyers, Keith Bishop, Sue Renner, John Ireland, Mary Beeman, Ted Zuse, Barbara Dudley

Administrators Present: Anne Keene, Tom Forcella

Others Present: Stacy Stewart, Annine Crystal, Theresa Smith

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bill Bloss called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Discuss Content-Focused Coaching

Dr. Forcella introduced literacy coaches Stacy Stewart, Annine Crystal, and Theresa Smith to the Board of Education. As part of the professional development plan in Guilford Public Schools, the literacy coaches will be providing ongoing, imbedded professional development for all elementary classroom teachers. The coaches have begun training in the Content Focused Coaching model through the Institute for Learning at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Keene provided an overview of Content-Focused Coaching and explained the district focus for the year: Rigor in Comprehension Lessons, Using Accountable Talk for Deeper Understanding. She also reviewed the hiring process which incorporated performance-based components, the research behind the model, the Guilford Public Schools Literacy Coach job description, and provided video clips of coaching in action. Each literacy coach reflected on the position and her work to date. John Ireland asked about program evaluation. Dr. Keene explained that the district, not schools, would be evaluating the coaches and full training in the model would be complete in two years. Dr. Forcella added that there is an expectation that CMT scores would show improvement in reading comprehension over time.

3. Discuss CMT/CAPT

There were no additional questions regarding CMT/CAPT. Dr. Forcella explained that schools were discussing instructional implications based on this year's data.

3. Executive Session

Barbara Dudley made a motion, seconded by Mary Beeman, to go into executive session for two items: (1) Personnel Issue and (2) the Superintendent's Evaluation.

The Board returned from executive session at 10:30 p.m. Alan Meyers made a motion, seconded by Barbara Dudley, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene