

August Tickler: Take another look at the Jobs Funds allocations monies; consider spreading the funds out over two years, with a focus on the Balanced Literacy Program and professional development.

Principal's Report

- (1) Tammie Crowley and Bruce presented the NewBrook Elementary School Report Card. School-wide Title I has made a significant difference for the learners in our school. MAPS(online testing of language arts, literacy and math) is based individually on each child's abilities; the test gets easier or more difficult based on a child's answers. Bruce reviewed the NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) test results.
- (2) Things to keep in mind after July 1st – transition to new principal, Chris Pratt. Kim F. asked about the direction of the staff and how they are going to move towards the goal of coalescing the two staffs. Bruce says that time as a staff together is very important, e.g. staff meetings, professional development opportunities, time to talk as grade level teams. Bruce believes that year one is observation, year two reflection, year three performance. It is important to give Chris time to become a part of the community of this school. Don't allow him to take on more than 4 goals [at this fall's retreat], as more than that would be unmanageable. Bruce suggests Chris Pratt get connected to a mentor as he begins his journey as the new principal in an elementary school. Steven says that this is not someone who reports to the superintendent.

Pre-K Discussion

- (1) Pre-K numbers for FY12: Lisa Harris has 5 students, Timson Hill has 12, and Winston Prouty has 1, for a total of 18 students. Steven will report our 2 districts ADM for Pre-K.
- (2) Budget: We have \$38,400 budgeted for FY12 for pre-k. Do we go with the budgeted amount or do we increase the amount we budgeted to reflect the actual number of pre-k students for the upcoming year?
- (3) Steven urged us to not make a decision tonight until we get the year end report.

Kim F. made a motion that Brookline and Newfane count 18 pre-k children or the number enrolled by the July 1, 2011 deadline in the 2011 ADM and that Steven issue contracts based on \$38,400 allocated in the FY12 budget). The Brookline-Newfane School Board will consider an additional allocation for FY12 at its August meeting. Pam seconded the motion.

Discussion of the Motion: Ken was concerned about contracts being issued and then the numbers changing (people move in or out). Once we make this decision, it will be up to the individual contracted schools to determine how to allocate the funds. We are not able to pay for services not rendered. Kim F. mentioned that the contract refers to if a child actually attends. Ken also expressed concern that we are leading towards a commitment to additional funding when we've already made a commitment to taxpayers for a certain amount of money. Kim F. clarified that this is not what this motion reflects; we are not

committing to more funds at this time, just to the opportunity to consider whether or not we want to allocate more funds, using the Year End Report to guide the decision.

Vote on the motion:

In favor – Brandy Pam, Somara, Kim F

Opposed – Ken

Absent – Kim C., Dan Seiden, Lee Ann Parker

Motion passes.

Steven will issue contracts. He reminds us that the contracts are public and we can see Sam Bovat if we wish to see them.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Board determined that there is no reason to meet in July.
- August: Aug. 18th at 6:30.
- Fall retreat date possibilities: Kim F. will send out a Meeting Wizard for possible dates.

Consent Agenda: Kim F. made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Somara seconded. Unanimous approval.