

THMS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

December 20th, 2011

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:05PM.

Present: Timothy Santry, Greg Berthiaume, Linda Hallisey, Kim Thomas, and Heidi Champagne

RTI Update

Announcement regarding use of grade 8 math certified teacher as an “interventionist”, someone who will target students who score at 228 and below on 6th and 7th grade MCAS tests. Amy Raboin will fill that role, meeting with small groups once a week.

Math Curriculum

Clarification – math curriculum is aligned to the common core frameworks; however, the math consultant will continue to align our grade level maps with the new curriculum. We will focus on identifying standards that are possibly new responsibilities for different grade levels.

Groupings and Vertical Teaming

We are using student growth percentiles to review placements for students in math classes. Analysis of data seems to indicate students who are on the cusp between algebra or pre-algebra seem to be less successful if pushed into algebra.

We are looking to establish data based criteria for transition into high school honors or regular math classes instead of relying strictly on teacher recommendation.

Results Teams

Results faculty meetings are dedicated to the following issues:

- Identifying areas of student strength and weakness
- Noting where in our curriculum map these concerns are addressed
- Planning how to measure success

iPad training

PTO funds of \$1000. Tim recommends using this to hire an Apple representative to provide professional development for the best use of the iPads in the classroom

Project 351

Candidate Josephine Bowen, community volunteer

Lockdown Procedure

Last Thursday, went smoothly, kids handled it well; notification went home to all parents via phone communication.

***Next meeting January 24**