Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
410 West Sullivan Street
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
12:00 pm

Present:
Ira Katzenstein
Frank Steffen, Jr.
Paul Hessney
Colleen Taggerty
Mia O’Brien
Kathy Elser
Jen Mahar
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry

Guest:
Jen Kless
Jillian Putnam
Katie Ralston

PreK and K screening process
- Jen Mahar discussed the “Ages & Stages” overview and assessment information that she received from Catt. Co. (Megan Monahan)
- Catt. Co. staff would administer the assessment; will need parental permission
- OCSD administrators are in favor of this; will be a great source of data

Goals
- Review policies
  - Policy #1510 - Regular Board Meetings – policy revision recommendations reviewed; revisions made will be made and revisited at the next committee meeting
  - Policy #6310 – Appointment – Support Staff – Civil Service probationary period is one year and the OESPA contract states probationary period is 26 weeks; this item will be revisited at the next committee meeting
- 7th grade reconfiguration – transportation and classroom needs
- Colleen noted this item was discussed the Admin Co meeting
  - Building closures and classroom restructuring just occurred three years ago – is it too soon for more change?
  - Academic benefits will be explored
  - Time allotment for Academic Intervention Services at the HS (targeted 1st period of the day)
  - Scheduling for OIMS and HS – can both buildings be on a 9 period bell schedule?
- Delay of start time analysis
  - Colleen noted conversations and being held to determine if this can be accomplished for the 15-16 school year
  - Jeff Andreano made an excellent recommendation during the Admin Co meeting and will put together a recommendation for consideration
- Blended learning/technology

Other:
- TOSA/Curriculum Coordinate Updates:
  - Jen Kless
    - Updated the committee on the following:
      - District Goal #1 – Common Core Alignment; creating disciplinary units for the next school year
      - District Goal #4 – working with a group of counselors and psychologies on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) training – 3 tiers
  - Jillian Putnam
    - Goal #1 – the math committee is working on vertical alignment; will be completed by the end of January; looking at “Number Talks”
    - Curriculum Training and Professional Development – alignment of curriculum to common core standards; reviewing videos – to get a clear understanding of standards
    - Goal #2 Data Driven Instruction – State and STAR data is available for all grades at the elementary levels
  - Katie
    - Attended Poverty Training in San Antonio last summer – better understanding of how poverty affects learning; 75 teachers have been trained so far
    - FACES – sharing of different topics
    - HS Curriculum – working on more than just Math and ELA
Smart Bond Act
- Colleen noted that there is no guidance/criteria from NYSED yet
- Will need to create a plan
- SED will need to approve the plan

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Next meeting: February 3, 2015