

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

In attendance: Renee Howayeck, Rajiv Nehra, Joan Menard, Thomas F. Aubin, Deborah Kenney, Gregory Brillhante, Debbie Pacheco, and Elvio Ferreira.

The meeting began with a roll call at 5:11 p.m.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the June 12, 2018 minutes and approve them as recorded.

Ms. Howayeck asked for an update on the working group. Mr. Aubin explained that the working group will begin in October for the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Ferreira explained the schedule changes - full inclusion in English and math in grades 9 and 10. The plan is to expand in grades 11 and 12 in both English and math. There will be staffing needs for science and history areas as expansion continues. Ms. Menard asked about the interaction – Mr. Ferreira explained that the District is using a co-teach model.

Ms. Menard recommended feedback from the students, once the semester is complete, as to whether this method is helping them. Dr. Warren explained that she can provide data from surveys from the students. Mrs. Pacheco further explained that she can provide information from Mrs. Fiola-Tavares about how students feel about the classes.

Mr. Ferreira reported that a Special Education Technical Instructor has been hired for the vocational/technical programs. Mrs. Pacheco further explained the transition assessment process and the focus plan for students.

It was moved by Ms. Menard, seconded by Dr. Nehra, and voted unanimously to adjourn the Sub-Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Materials Included: June 12, 2018 Minutes