

Minutes of the CH Building Council meeting on November 14, 2011

1. Bonnie O'Rourke presented information about the Science CAR. In her report, she mentioned that 100% of students in grade 4 scored a level 3 or 4 on the NYS science assessment. The assessment is divided into a multiple choice section and a hands-on manipulative section. Some individual questions were reviewed, and information from the item analysis will be shared with each grade level.
2. Andy Haluska presented information about the Mathematics CAR. He highlighted that our students continue to progress nicely on all indicators. When compared to the Suburban Council schools in our area, BH-BL ranks first in mathematics for grades 3 and 4, and second in grade 5. The Mathematics Committee is very happy with the strand test results. Due to the change in the core curriculum, the committee is recommending that the strand tests be changed to quarterly assessments in grades 3-5. A decision on strand tests has not been formally made for grades K-2, but the mathematics committee is considering keeping the strand test format, but changing some of the questions due to the curricular changes in NYS.
3. Jen Peterson distributed several charts of data in which she compared mathematics questions and how different groups fared on specific skills. Classroom teachers will be able to use the data to inform instruction.
4. Mary Grasso presented the CAR information from Health. Her committee reviewed data from the substance abuse and AIDS tests given in grades 2-5. The Substance Abuse Test indicated that 338/348 students (97.1%) in grades 2-5 scored 80% or above. The AIDS test indicated that 330/347 students (95.1%) in Grade 2-5 scored 80% or above. Mary also reported on some of the many activities done at each grade level to enhance healthy living.
5. Megan Jones presented information about the Social Studies CAR. Last year, the NYS SS test was not given in grade 5, so our district created a multiple choice test to help inform instruction. Results from CH were very strong, and the SS Committee will continue to give a fifth grade examination this year, with some modifications to the test. It was mentioned that the SS Committee has been discussing the Junior Achievement program and the curricular benefits to our students in economics. Every child at CH will continue to be exposed

to the Junior Achievement content through the hard work and dedication of our community volunteers.

6. We will not be having a meeting on December 19, 2011. At our next meeting on January 18, we will share plans about our elementary anti-bullying training which will be held on November 29.