



**RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Committee: Education Chairperson: Harry Ruiz / Maria Martorana

Date of Meeting: May 2, 2012 Time: 7:00 PM 8:45 PM  
Start End

Board Members in Attendance:	Maria Martorana, Tammy MacKay, and Mary Ann Spagnuolo
Administrators in Attendance:	Dr. David Browne and Jennifer Fano
Others:	Jennifer Cusmano-King, David Kricheff, Alex Tyska, Tracey Silverschotz, Emily Schaeffer, and eight members of the public
Business Discussed:	<p><b><u>Elementary Field Day - David Kricheff, Lead Health and Physical Education Teacher</u></b></p> <p>Approaching the 40th anniversary, Mr. Kricheff provided an overview of the history of field days in Randolph. Based upon the goal to promote physical education and sportsmanship, changes were recommended to enhance the field day experience for each student by increasing participation while still recognizing the athleticism of our elementary students.</p> <p>Mr. Kricheff outlined the process that he undertook in examining the current structure of elementary field days, specifically speaking with building level administration and all physical education teachers. The result of many conversations included maintaining 9 of the original 13 track and field events, based upon student interest, and the addition of group activities that promote teamwork. In order to accomplish this, the number of students participating at field day need to be reduced and the recommendation was to establish separate field days for fourth and fifth grade. Currently middle school field days are separated by grade level.</p> <p><b><u>What to expect for the 2012 Elementary Field Day</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School pep rallies before the field days</li> <li>• 9 of the original 13 track and field events</li> <li>• Group activities involving students from all four schools working together</li> <li>• Points and sportsmanship trophies to commemorate both field days</li> </ul>

Grade 4 is scheduled for May 22, 2012  
Grade 5 is scheduled for May 24, 2012

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**Grade 6 Math - Ms. Tyska, Ms. Schaeffer, and Mrs. Silverschotz, Teachers**

The sixth grade teachers presented an overview to the Education Committee in November 2011. This evening the teachers updated the committee on their journey working with heterogeneous groups of students. In preparing to level students into homogeneous groups for grade seven, the teachers have continued to assess students and customize the instruction.

In order to prepare the sixth grade students for seventh grade placement, sixth grade students will begin to work in homogeneous groups to review skills covered in the Holt Course Two text that may not have been specifically taught throughout the school year. This will allow students to be prepared for their grade seven placement in math.

Some of the benefits of heterogeneously grouping the sixth grade students for much of the school year included flexibility of level movement within the classroom, greater work ethic, positive role models, increased student engagement, and the development of common assessments.

The recommendation made by the sixth grade teachers differed from the original recommendations made by the students fifth grade teachers: 27% of the students, as in coming sixth graders, were recommended for accelerated placement and by the end of this year, 41% will be recommended for accelerated placement for grade seven. The teachers attribute this increase to the students' level of effort and growth throughout the year.

The sixth grade team also valued the recommendations from the district's fifth grade teachers and would like to continue to receive recommendations for the incoming sixth grade students. The teachers would like to continue to develop this approach and are enthusiastic about sharing the successfully instructional strategies with their seventh and eighth grade colleagues.

Pending Business:

Scheduling meeting dates through December

Recommendations:

Updates requested on:  
Study Island  
Extra and Co Curricular Activities

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Next Meeting:

Date: June 12, 2012 Time: 6:00 PM Place: RHS Library Lab

Possible Topics:

Extra and Co Curricular Activities at RHS

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Signature of Preparer

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