

**Andover School Committee
Workshop – April 5, 2013
Minutes**

Date: April 5, 2013
Location: Superintendent's Conference Room
Present: D. Birnbach, P. Colby-Clements, D. Forgue, A. Gilbert, B. L'Italien,
Absent: None
Others: N. Duclos, P. Szymanski, J. Laundre, M. McGrath, L. Kirtman

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.
2. Introductions – Lyle Kirtman, Future Management Systems, Inc. Consultant and Barbara L'Italien, new School Committee member.
3. M. McGrath provided an update on the strategic plan initiatives. She reviewed the partnerships that are in progress with Merrimack College, Ed Leader 21, and Edx. N. Duclos updated the committee on the curriculum advisories and the work being done in each of the curriculum areas.
4. D. Birnbach shared proposals (a) High School Center for Technology & Engineering; (b) Elementary School Curriculum Modules. It was agreed that the proposals would be reviewed by the curriculum advisories. N. Duclos expects that she could give a report of the review to the school committee in May.
5. The group discussed the mechanisms in place to review ideas that are brought forward. M. McGrath said there are several mechanisms such as the curriculum advisories and task forces (staff, parents, community members). All agreed that more discussion on this topic would be helpful so there is an understanding of roles and responsibilities as well as how to involve the community in such discussions.
6. A. Gilbert & P. Colby-Clements updated the committee on the work of the Communications Subcommittee regarding a community meeting to update people on the strategic plan and to gather input on initiatives going forward. The days selected for the potential meeting (May 30 and June 6) have conflicts with other school events and senior week. The group agreed to defer such a meeting until the start of the new school year.
7. P. Colby-Clements and D. Forgue discussed the upcoming committee reorganization for the 2013-1014 school year. They informed members that the committee would need to vote a chairperson and vice chairperson at its next meeting. The committee will organize its subcommittee membership in June.
8. The workshop adjourned at 11:37 am.