Concord School District  
Instructional Committee  

School Board Committee: Instructional Committee  
Date: January 14, 2013  
Committee members present: Jennifer Patterson, Chair, Barbara Higgins, Tom Croteau, Clint Cogswell  
Other Board members present: Kass Ardinger, Nick Metalious, Tara Reardon  
Administrators and school staff present: Chris Rath, Superintendent; Donna Palley; Assistant Superintendent; Linda Stuart, Math Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Presentation: Data Teams  
Superintendent Rath, Donna Palley, and Linda Stuart were recently invited to give a presentation at a statewide conference on using student data in schools. They repeated the presentation for the committee. They shared information about various types of teams at work at all levels in the district. The Central Office DINI (District In Need of Improvement) Team monitors progress toward the three district improvement goals, reviewing quarterly student data reports submitted by each of the principals. School-based teams review student performance information, using the data to make decisions about student instructional programs. Superintendent Rath described the types of data that are used in the district, including assessments of reading and math, attendance and discipline data, and student grades. The district is using Performance Plus, an online tool provided by the NH Department of Education, to manage and organize student data. Administrators have received training in the facilitation of data meetings in their buildings. Committee members viewed several videos showing data teams in action.

2. District teachers applying for the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical  
Several Concord teachers have indicated that they will be applying for the Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical, a statewide program administrated by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The Sabbatical includes a full school year salary plus FICA. The school district would continue to provide all other benefits. Before she signed the consent form that is part of the candidate’s application, Superintendent Rath wanted to discuss the expectations for payment of benefits with the committee. If one of the teachers is awarded this sabbatical, there will be a cost to the district, probably approximately $20,000, for the teacher’s benefits. There was a consensus among committee members that if a Concord teacher is selected for this sabbatical, the district would support it.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Patterson, Chair  
Donna Palley, Recorder