Tom Crumrine reported on the work he has done this year with the Concord High School faculty in the following areas: defining and measuring the graduation expectations for Concord High School and creating competencies for each course. Mr. Crumrine explained that this is a work in progress and will continue in the future. This will meet the new requirements by the Department of Education that all high schools develop course competencies as well as the recommendation of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (high school accreditation). Mr. Crumrine explained a flow chart showing how their work is tied to the Board’s goals, Concord High School mission, graduation expectations and district curriculum standards.

Mr. Crumrine noted that this year, the faculty has used district professional development days (strand time) for this work.

Mr. Crumrine shared pilot data showing how rubrics are used to assess student learning. The Committee discussed future issues that will need to be addressed such as whether a student can test out of a required course by demonstrating or meeting the course competencies and receive high school graduation credit. No action was taken.

The second issue was a presentation by Maureen Redman Scura from the Kimball PTO on Kimball School Language Program. Kimball parents Maura Willing and Sofya Patenotte also participated. The Kimball language program is an after school club activity where 30 St. Paul student volunteers who have fluency in various world languages teach a world language to groups of Kimball students over 13 sessions. Ms. Patenotte works at St. Paul’s and is instrumental in recruiting the St. Paul students. Eighty four students, including students from Walker School, participated this year, and languages such as French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, German, and Korean were taught. The Committee was impressed with the world language program and thanked Ms. Redmond-Scura and others for their volunteerism.
Ms. Redmond-Scura brought it to the Board’s attention about whether possible future building renovations would jeopardize this language program. She was also concerned about changes in the district’s policy on volunteers. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kass Ardinger, Chair  
Rob Prohl, Recorder

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