

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 2/25/19 Place of Meeting: BOE Central Office conf. rm.
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette
Members present: Dominic Cipollone, Kimberly LaTourette, Rick Regan
Members absent: Kathy Baker
Other attendees: Jason McKinnon, Joel Pardalis, Maureen Kenny, Ed Sbordone

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 p.m. by Dominic Cipollone.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 28, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes of January 28, 2019, as presented

Made by: Kimberly LaTourette

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Social Studies Curriculum

1. K-5 Social Studies - This curriculum and materials have already been approved. It incorporates consumable magazines that kids can read, write in, and keep on both K-2 and 3-5 (My World Interactive) levels. Both also have videos and online resources, and teachers have been using the resources for the past 7 months. The committee (K-5) has been working on the curriculum units to go along with the resources that were approved. This curriculum focuses on inquiry and why things happened, not just what is taught, but how it is taught. Skills are embedded within the content. Each unit will have a focus area (example: geography, history, economics, civics) with standards and objectives. Dimensions of Inquiry include developing questions and planning, applying disciplinary tools and concepts, evaluating sources and using evidence, and communicating conclusions and taking informed action. There are a variety of student assessments, including an inquiry based quest.

2. 6-8 Social Studies – This is the second year of implementing this curriculum. Through this curriculum, the student will “read like a historian” while getting information from many different sources. In grades 6-7, the concentration is on World Studies in three part units: physical geography, inquiry into history and the present, using the data team model with Social Studies and English Language Arts. This lays the foundation for World History in grades 9 and 10. The concentration in grade 8 is on the three eras of American History.

Motion: To bring the K-5 and 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum to the full board for approval.

Made by: Kimberly LaTourette

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at: 7:52 p.m.