

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 2/26/24

Minutes submitted by: Tim Blair

Members present: Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan, Sue Huwer

Members absent:

Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kristine Woleck, Allyson Story, Jean Gephart, Amy Johnson, Ed Sbordone

Place of meeting: Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (2/26/24 at 7:00 p.m.)

Web: <https://zoom.us/j/95267000653> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 952 6700 0653

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 22, 2024 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 22, 2024

Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Tim Blair

Discussion initiated by Sue Huwer in regard to questioning the wording around the reading pilot program. Result of discussion: All in favor of approving the minutes.

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Strategic Planning Update - Dr. Ken Craw began the update. He talked about how the team met and are refining three goals. Two Co-Chairs of each goal have been selected; six total. Goal 1 is to have an engaging K-12 curriculum, another is innovative challenging instruction, and the third around student wellness.

B. February Professional Learning Summary - Kristine Woleck presented and shared the two days of professional learning. She spoke about how this strengthens our core. First day was the most current student data and thinking about targeting instruction moving forward. This led to instruction sessions many of which were led by staff, some consultants such as from the Bridges program as well. They dedicated time also to K-12 curriculum, and provided a definition of curriculum as the way in which we organize our content standards to define what students should understand, learn and be able to do. Dr. Woleck shared the staff feedback which was very positive on the experience. Greg Flanagan asked what the feedback on Bridges is thus far, and Dr. Woleck indicated that the instructors see the value in this program and this session helped them learn how to differentiate this instruction to meet the range of learners in the classroom.

C. PreK-12 Science Curriculum Vertical Articulation - Jean Gephart presented. She talked about the positive energy from bringing together the educators for this work. She talked about the NGSS standards, how they apply to this session, the framework of the instruction, and the positive results from the ability of the educators to collaborate on a day for this. Kristine also spoke about how this work will impact the entire team moving forward. All presenters added to the discussion on how beneficial this professional learning has been.

D. Elementary Reading Pilot Update - Allyson Story presented. She provided information on how the two pilot programs are going. She indicated that there was an opportunity to hear from each company, for the educators to ask questions during the professional learning, and for the educators to take a look at the materials. Allyson indicated that during the week of March 4th, the teachers in the pilot program will talk about what is working so far, how the students are responding so far as we go through and the anticipated time for completion of the pilot will be

around April break. After that, we are going to analyze the data and carefully look at this before going with the new program.

IV. ACTION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER - Greg Flannagan commented on the positive nature and excitement from the meeting and the direction of the curriculum. Tim Blair echoed the sentiment.

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Susan Huwer
Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan
Meeting adjourned at: 7:59 p.m.