

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 2/24/25

Minutes submitted by: Tim Blair

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

Members absent:

Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kristine Woleck, James D'Amico, Jean Gephart, Becky Pendergast, Ed Sbordone

Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (2/24/25 at 7:00 p.m.)

Web: <https://zoom.us/j/95514523283> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 955 1452 3283

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 16, 2024 – Special – Approved by consensus.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. NFHS Course of Study Updates - ECE Courses, Honors Ensembles (*Strategic Planning Goal: Curriculum / Instruction*) - Dr. Woleck presented. In partnership with WCSU, we are going to offer 4th year Italian and Mandarin ECE credits to our students. This credit option was offered to both Spanish and French language students and now is being expanded. This college level credit is transferable not only at West Conn but also for review at other universities. In the area of Honors, students who participate in the wind ensemble or the chamber singers will now have the option of pursuing those ensembles with an honors designation.

B. PK-12 Science Curriculum Design – (*Strategic Planning Goal: Curriculum*) - Dr. Woleck talked about the work and introduced Jean Gephart. Detail was given on how this work was based on our core guiding principles in development. There has been very systematic teamwork put together with transfer goals. Some examples of storyboard learning were given, and how mapping out successive storyboards can help the deep understanding and help students make connections from prior learning. A comprehensive review of Unit Design Examples was given, explaining the focus on a student's acquisition of knowledge and skill. Reflection Tools were discussed, which is a way for the design team to evaluate their work and make adjustments. In addition, we learned that families would be able to access curriculum summaries in Eduplanet, giving them easy access and transparency to see what their child is learning in the classroom, something we are excited about as a district.

C. NFPS Curriculum Design Phase 5-Year Plan (*Strategic Planning Goal: Curriculum*)
Dr. Woleck presented our 5-year plan for Curriculum Design. Over the next 5 years, each area of Curriculum will go through a systematic process of Research, Design, Implementation and then Monitoring/ Revision. She talked about how we will roll this out over the next 5 years, and how this will be a fluid project that will require funding at each stage. There will be an option to move a full Curriculum agenda if a need arises.

IV. ACTION ITEMS - None

V. OTHER - Sue Huwer asked the difference between an ECE course and an Honors Course and the cost difference. James D'Amico explained that there is a highly reduced fee for an ECE class but that it can provide up to 3 credits for a university. The honors courses are home grown classes we provide within the district. Sue Huwer also asked for an update on the summer reading program, which we will explore at our April meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Tim Blair

Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

Meeting adjourned at: 8:01 p.m.