

# WBOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## November 8, 2018

**Present:** Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Maegan Genovese, Joyce Shavers, Board Members; Bob Gilbert, Superintendent; Gina Prisco, Principal; Monique MacDonald, WEA Liaison, Arianne Buzzard, Teacher.

Ms. Piascyk called the meeting to order (4:30 PM).

Public Comment – None

**Summer 2018 Curriculum Work and Projects:** Gina Prisco reviewed 2018 Summer Curriculum Work (Note: Curriculum is never “completed/done”. Continuous improvement is always a part of our work. Ms. Prisco reviewed what was accomplished during Summer 2018, what is planned for the 2018/19 school year and what is tentatively planned for Summer 2019.

- During summer 2018 all Math units in Grades 1-4, were completed with the exception of one in Grade 1. In Library Media templates were created for articulating Library Units of Study inclusive of Overview of Unit, Rationale/Key Learning, Essential Questions/Big Ideas as well as correlation relevant to AASL Standards. Draft of four units in Grade 1 and three (3) units in Grade 3 drafts were completed. For English Language Learners Science/Social Studies Assessments were modified in two of three units for Grades 3 and 6. In Science, storyline templates were completed for Grades 5 and 6. Assessments and rubrics were completed in Grades 3, 4 and 6 (already available in Grade 5). In Technology accounts were created, equipment inventoried and stored to ensure technology was ready for the start of the school year.
- Anticipated work in 2018/19 includes completion of Math curriculum templates for Kindergarten and Grade 5. Refinement of Science assessments/rubrics in Grades 3 and 4, alignment with NGSS in Grades K-2, development of assessments and rubrics in Grades K-2 and 5 as well as modification/differentiation for English Language Learners. Work will continue in Library Media for benchmark identification and development of assessments and rubrics in Grades 1 and 3.
- **Tentative** plans for summer 2019 include completion of Grade 6 Math curriculum templates; Grade 5 assessment/rubric completion in Science as well as initiation of K-2 storyline templates and completion of unit assessments in Library/ Media for Grades 1, 2, 4 and 5.

A discussion of how BRS leads curriculum development (BRS Administrator, ACES Consultant, Teacher Leaders) ensued. All questions were addressed.

**Health Presentation:** Arianne Buzzard presented an overview of the BRS Health Program. Units of study include injury prevention/personal water safety, nutrition, function of the body, growth and development, disease and illness prevention, substance abuse prevention, community health and safety, mental and emotional health, environmental and consumer health and physical fitness. Health is taught to every class for 30 minutes per cycle. Additional study units on CPR and Heimlich Maneuver are taught in Grade 6.

**Curriculum Committee Overview:** Ms. Piascyk presented a review of Curriculum Committee. The WBOE Curriculum Committee was reconstituted as a standing committee of the Woodbridge Board of Education for the 2017/18 school year. At that time, Board of Education Chair Margaret Hamilton assigned Lynn Piascyk to chair the committee and Maegan Genovese and Nancy Maasbach as committee members. Joyce Shavers replaced Ms. Maasbach as a committee member in October 2018. The Woodbridge Education Association (WEA) sends a representative to committee meetings. The committee meets on a monthly basis. Faculty and administration provide presentations and overviews on curriculum at each meeting. These meetings are open to any interested member of the public. Ongoing discussions of the district’s Curriculum Review and Revision Cycle occur.

The following areas were discussed during the 2017/18 school year:

- Summer Curriculum Work
- Math
- Science
- World Language
- Writer's Workshop
- Enrichment Opportunities through Extended Day
- Responsive Classroom
- TAG Identification Processes
- School-Wide Enrichment Programming Model including Grade 3 Enrichment Clusters, Genius Hour and Capstone Project
- The Social/Emotional Curriculum

The following presentations have been scheduled for the 2018/19 school year:

- September: World Language Program Review
- November: Summer Curriculum Work Update and Health Program
- December: STEAM Program and Science

Other areas that are being considered for discussion in the 2018/19 school year include:

- Social Studies
- School Climate
- Math Curriculum Update
- TAG Identification Update – to be scheduled following the school-wide administration of the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students
- Technology

**December STEAM Presentation:** It was requested that the following items be included in the STEAM presentation: Schedule, interaction with classes/students, curriculum work, providing resources/ support to teachers (coaching?), examples of STEAM projects, possibility of tapping into community/parent resources (what units of study).

Meeting Adjourned: 5:39 PM

The next meeting is December 13 at 4:30 PM.