

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 10/28/24

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, Allyson Story, Dom Cipollone

Place of meeting: Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (10/28/24 at 7:00 p.m.) Web:

<https://zoom.us/j/94943172328> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 949 4317 2328

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

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 23, 2024

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of September 23, 2024, as presented

Made by: Sue Huwer

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of vote:** In favor: Consensus

## **III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. K-5 Literacy Resource Implementation Update (*Curriculum & Instruction Goals*)**

Dr. Woleck introduced the new reading materials. Allyson Story presented. Information was shared on the new Bookworms program, what it looks like, how it is implemented and the impact it is having thus far on students. Allyson went on to share the evolution of this program, an overview of the beginning stages to where we are now, and touched on next steps. One of the upcoming next steps is for a few consultants from Open-Up resources to come in and share best practices alongside the teachers. A few questions about those consultants and their role were discussed and answered.

### **B. High School Graduation Requirements Discussion (*Curriculum & Instruction Goals*)**

James D'Amico presented. Of the 26 credits required for graduation, a change in legislation from the state has impacted the SEE (Senior Enrichment Experience) credit or the credit typically used by the senior through an internship. Beginning in 2027, the half credit of personal financial management may be counted toward a student's STEM credit requirement. In addition, beginning in 2027, there will no longer be a state requirement for a one-credit mastery-based diploma assessment, such as the SEE program we currently require here in NF. We have time to decide if we would like to continue and improve on this program.

### **C. Social Media / Cell Phone Education - Student and Family Spring Presentation**

**Update (*Wellness Goal*)** - Dr. Woleck presented and spoke about the importance of presenting the issue from the broader perspective of overall student wellness. She spoke of having an expert in the field come to speak to the school community named Max Stossel, who has provided many speeches in regards to social media, technology and its impact on our society. This speaker has been to other districts close by and all have given positive feedback regarding the impact of the message. This presentation will occur in April. Some questions surrounding feedback from other districts, how this will be funded, and how we can perhaps have similar experiences even before April.

**IV. OTHER** – Dr. Woleck gave an update that 4 students will be attending the trip to France in February.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Tim Blair

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

Recording of vote: All in favor

**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:57 p.m.