

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 8/26/19 Place of Meeting: Central Office conf. rm.
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette
Members present: Kathy Baker, Dominic Cipollone, Kimberly LaTourette, Rick Regan
Members absent:
Other attendees: Julie Luby, Pat Cosentino, Lori Ferreira, Christine Baldelli, Cheryl Milo,
Ed Sbordone

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 20, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes of May 20, 2019

Made by: Kim LaTourette

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Textbook Adoption

1. *Comprehensive Health* for High School Health Class - An overview of the new textbook was presented. There has been an increase in the high school graduation requirement for Health. Students received one quarter freshman and senior years, and now they have Health every quarter. They have to receive one full credit instead of a half credit. It has been requested that the online text be purchased, so that the high school has "ownership" for 6 years and receives updates for a cost. This can be bundled with a hard copy text and kit for each teacher. It aligns with state and national standards, and complements what is presently being done. It was explained that the topics will be split appropriately among the grades. All four PE/Health teachers are certified to teach both subjects.

Motion: To bring the High School Health textbook *Comprehensive Health* to the full Board of Education for approval

Made by: Kimberly LaTourette

Seconded by: Dom Cipollone

Recording of vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Middle School Schedule Update - The new bell schedule, new components and PE/Health at the Middle School were reviewed and a presentation was shared. Sixth Grade PE will be part of a 6 period rotation. PLC students will receive support/intervention and Band/Chorus, keeping the "workshop" model open. Students will have PE most days, or every other day if services are needed. Music will have designated days as well. Academic classes will have around 20-21 students, PE classes will have as many as 32 students per class, and there will be in one teaching station (1/2 gym or fitness center). It is exciting to hear students are receiving more PE/Health, but concerns were raised about tight space. There was a brief discussion about "Tech Tuesday." That will be the only day students will be allowed to use devices at lunch. They will not have time to go to the gym during lunch, but will have PE more often.

V. OTHER

Rick Regan asked if there could be a Computer Science class/elective.

Pat Cosentino mentioned that at the next meeting Lori Ferreira will go over some of the bigger components that are going on.

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Kathy Baker
Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Seconded by: Dominic Cipollone
Meeting adjourned at: 8:07 p.m.