

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 2/22/21 Minutes submitted by: Dominic Cipollone
Members present: Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent:
Other attendees: Pat Cosentino, Julie Luby, Alyce Misuraca, James D'Amico, Ed Sbordone
Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (2/22/21 at 7 p.m.)
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/99027703305> **Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 990 2770 3305**

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 25, 2021, as presented

Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS - none

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mastery Prep - Julie discussed that Mastery Prep is a 4-hour prep session for the SAT that focuses on the mechanics of test taking, for example pacing, time management, and test taking strategies. There will be two sessions with 75 juniors in each session. It will take place on March 10th and the SAT is on March 24th. Greg asked if we should have additional sessions and if teachers have been dropping SAT practice questions.

B. IAB Remote Lab – Alyce spoke about the Interim Assessment for grades 3-8 and that the state is initiating a remote pilot in order to explore the concept of a remote proctoring tool. It includes a video and chat feature and she indicated that we will be participating. She also stated that the state is planning on administering the assessments in person.

C. Elementary Specials Programming – Julie explained how our district is exploring what excellent programming looks like. We looked at other districts and did Google searches. We are looking for programmatic consistency. She went on to say that we have pockets of greatness and we need the whole K-12 program to reflect that. We may be looking at a four-day rotation with PE/Arts, Music aligned and Library/STEAM alignment. Pat added that we have two PE teachers at Consolidated, two PE teachers at Meeting House, two PE teachers and a health teacher at the Middle School and three PE teachers at the high school. K-8 will have PE every other day. Pat also stated that once the new high school is open, the middle school and high school will be on the same schedule and it will allow for more electives.

D. Math Update: Priority Standards Work – Alyce discussed the coherence guides and guidance from Achieve the Core. We are reflecting on pacing and noticing that we were not getting to the priority standards. We adjusted pacing for this school year and have more frequent assessments and looking at smaller tasks. We are focusing on the thinking necessary to solve problems and critical thinking of complex problems. Our March 19th Pi day will focus of coherence guides.

V. OTHER - Pat indicated that teachers are being vaccinated and the goal is to have all staff members vaccinated. Rick asked about the ISTE standards and how we are teaching them. Greg asked about conferences at night. Dominic commented on the efficacy of having four days of P/T conferences at the cost of lost instructional time.

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Greg Flanagan
Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza
Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 p.m.