

Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting - Draft Minutes

May 1, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Central Services

Present:

Liz Barlow

Monica Logan

David Peling

Karen Richmond-Godard

Jennifer Parsons

Absent:

Cheri Burke

Member of the Public: N/A

Meeting commenced at: 5:38 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment: N/A
2. Approve Minutes from the April 3, 2024 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting: A motion was made by Liz Barlow and seconded by Karen Richmond-Godard to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2024 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting. This motion passed.
3. Assistant Superintendent's Monthly Report:
 - Student learning and achievement: The plan for the ELA pilot is moving forward, there will be 2 teachers piloting each program in the fall.
 - The Grade 6 Social Studies curriculum will be revamped this summer.
 - Staff are getting more experience using the DNA program which is designed to create common assessments, including assessments aligned to the SAT to support SAT performance, as well as to monitor student progress.
 - On Monday the 3rd Learning Walk took place - it went well-2 BOE members - Liz Barlow & chairperson Monica Logan participated.
 - The Secondary Schedule Study Planning Meeting is moving forward.
 - Monthly principals meeting took place.
 - Many staff members (as well as community members, of course) participated in the Gran-Bee - it was a fun community activity.
 - The Elementary Art Show recently took place at the Granby Public Library.
 - Budget Development has focused on reconfiguration of staffing; no teachers have been let go, staffing reduction is attributed to attrition.
 - Community Conversations have been occurring (events for community/families), one was on Social Media, another is coming up: QPR (Suicide Prevention) this Thurs. (tomorrow) at Wells Road at 6 pm. QPR training is mandatory for First Responders.
 - The Granby Equity Team met last week.
 - Teacher of the Year (TOY) nominations are being collected. There are 21 eligible teachers and it appears that 6 will apply. The TOY will be notified on May 24 during the PD day.
4. Draft Policy 5131.911 – School Climate: We are moving into Restorative Work. Looks like we will likely have 2024-25 be a learning year and we will implement the new policy for the 2025-26 school year. The main difference is the definition of bullying and the use of restorative practices. So far, the Middle School staff is the only school where all staff has been trained.
5. New Teacher Supports: Current supports in place for new teachers was shared as well as ways in which the district strives to retain effective teachers.
6. Other: N/A