

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

March 7, 2024

Zoom

5:30 PM

<u>Board of Education (BOE)</u> <u>Committee Members Present</u> Debra Guss, Committee Chair and BOE Member Adam Hayn, Committee member Shiela Daniels, BOE Chair	<u>Also Present</u> Stacey McCann, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Richard Cordaway, Director of Math (K-12) Yvonne Daniels, 6-12 Math Supervisor Colleen Fitzpatrick, K-5 ELA Supervisor Mary-Grace Cianci, Beman Math teacher Kwastina Jackson, Beman Math teacher DeLita Rose Daniels, Community member
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1. **Call to order and introductions:** Committee Chair Debra Guss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., which was followed with introductions.
2. **Illustrative Math Updates:** Mr. Cordaway then provided a brief review of the historical timeline for the rollout of the Illustrative Math (“IM”) curriculum, including professional development. Next, Mr. Cordaway provided a video of IM highlights and stakeholder feedback throughout the district, including student voices. A discussion followed during which it was noted that: (i) professional development and resources from the vendor will continue to be provided to teachers to address ongoing questions or concerns, (ii) there is more comfort with the curriculum and its collaborative approach and (iii) Math coaches are critical to the success of the program.
3. **Algebra I Offering for 24-25SY (Beman):** Ms. Daniels then provided an update on the current Math Enrichment offering for 6th and 7th graders at Beman Middle School, highlighting performance data and the project based approach to the class. Mr. Cordaway then reviewed the current Algebra I enrichment class at Beman, including performance data, and feedback from parents on the current structure. Ms. Daniels then provided the plan for Algebra 1 readiness for 7th graders and the Algebra 1 enrichment class for next year. Mr. Cordaway concluded the presentation by noting that there will be a series of communications rolling out the plan in March, including a parent & family meeting on March 27th. A discussion followed.
4. **Math Pathways – Status Updates:** Next, Mr. Cordaway and Ms. Daniels provided an update on Math Pathways, including a review of research to date and collaborations with other school districts, universities, and math professionals in Connecticut and MPS math teachers. They then concluded with a proposed timeline for approval and implementation of the new Math Pathways plan, including community conversations.
5. **Adjournment:** Committee Chair Debra Guss then adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.