

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

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 4/23/18 Place of Meeting: BOE Central Office conf. rm.  
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette  
Members present: Kathy Baker (7:05), Dominic Cipollone, Kimberly LaTourette, Rick Regan  
Members absent:  
Other attendees: Alicia Roy, Jason McKinnon, Joel Pardalis, Katey Stroh, Amy Fata, Jean Gephart, Kerry Hannon, Marcia Draxdorf, Will Jones, Peggy Katkocin, Ed Sbordone

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. March 26, 2018 – Regular Meeting

**Motion:** To approve minutes of March 26, 2018, as presented

Made by: Kimberly LaTourette

Seconded by: Rick Regan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Social Studies K-5 Resources

1. *Discover Kids* (Grades K-2) – These students have Social Studies and Science, which is thematic based, three times a week. This program matches curriculum with standards and increases in complexity throughout the year. Each student receives and can keep a workbook, and additional copies can be available in the media center. It is engaging for all students, supportive for English language learners and special education students. It also provides helpful resources for teachers, who will meet as a grade level group to reflect on lessons and decide pacing.

**Motion:** To recommend to the full Board *Discover Kids* (Grades K-2) as recommended by the administration

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

2. *My World Interactive* (Grades 3-5) - These students are provided a one-hour thematic block each day, split between Social Studies and Science. Each student has a book and a digital component. This program is project-based and aligns with eighth and eleventh grade US history as well.

**Motion:** To recommend to the full Board *My World Interactive* (Grades 3-5) as recommended by the administration

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

B. High School Social Studies Course Sequences

1. Class of 2021

2. Beginning with the Class of 2022 – The high school social studies and science departments fully support the recommended changes. The goal is to build globally informed empathetic citizens who can recognize primary and secondary sources, think critically, formulate opinions, evaluate sources, and debate issues. National Geographic, Pearson and NewsELA are

examples of resources used. The social studies change is aligned with ELA and with the Connecticut Social Studies framework.

**Motion:** To recommend to the full Board the high school Social Studies course sequences for the class of 2021 and beginning with the class of 2022 as recommended by the administration

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

#### C. High School Science Course Sequence

1. Beginning with the Class of 2022 – This course sequence change will provide a transition to the Next Generation State Standards. The standards were examined, and the scope and sequence of these standards were organized best for our students to encourage STEM careers. Juniors will take a pilot test this year, a field test in 2019, and then the following year the results of the test will be sent for each student. The high school currently has a three-year science requirement, and this sequence will provide a broader knowledge base leaving more options for science electives during senior year. Three days of professional development with Lynn Howard are planned.

**Motion:** To recommend to the full Board the high school Science course sequence beginning with the class of 2022 as recommended by the administration

Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

#### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

**V. OTHER** - Costa Rica Trip – The students who participated had a great time and will share their experiences with the Board at the May 17 meeting.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Dominic Cipollone

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at: 8:52 p.m.