

**WBOE Curriculum Committee**  
**September 20, 2018**  
**District Office Conference Room**

Ms. Piascyk called the meeting to order (4:31 PM).

Present: Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Meaghan Genovese, Margaret Hamilton, Board Members; Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; Stephanie Goldberg, Emily Jacober, World Language Teachers.

**1. World Language Presentation**

Instructional strategies:

Overview and power point presentation provided by Emily Jacober and Stephanie Goldberg

Middle School Alignment:

A visit was made by BRS teachers to Amity

Hoping to plan a reverse visit (flood interfered with that visit this past year)

Middle school reports high number of students in advanced classes

Not a % starting over+method in middle school

Results of Grade 6 assessment are being used to place students at Middle School

Curriculum Review:

Focus of each grade level

Grade Six assessment:

Overall high level of performance with most students falling in the Novice Mid and Novice High ranges

Areas of strength

Reading and Listening

Areas to grow

Speaking and Writing

Speaking and writing will be the goal for this year

Speaking is a priority goal

Future Planning:

Initiating a Spanish Culture Club- about 40 students have already expressed interest .

Teachers are still working on the schedule

Space constraints - Discussion of impact of not being in own classroom - based on displacement from water issue

Instruction is impacted

Minutes lost in travel

Results of assessments may have been impacted

Students should have a space that immerses them in the language

The Spanish schedule is currently at capacity

What is impact of adding a class (possibly in Grade 6)?

What could be some alternatives to taking Spanish time away?

Example: integration into Social Studies

Opportunity for sharing resources with Bethany could be explored

Homework in Spanish

Upper grades begin to get projects . these are mostly completed in class with some incomplete work to be done at home

How can parents help?

Suggestions / Recommendations of cultural events

Practicing words / phrases

Emphasis in the class is to speak in the language

Strategically use English

Students should listen for key phrases

Teachers use gestures

Lots of visual supports

## 2. Possible Topics for the 2018-19 School Year

- **October - Summer Curriculum Work Review** - Gina will present
- **December – STEAM & Science**
- **November - Health**
  
- **Social Studies-** ACES has been contacted- not quite ready to assist as a resource  
Field Trips/Integration/Resources- Communication about what is happening
- **TAG Identification Process**
- **Math**
  
- **Other Thoughts: Responsive Classroom, Outdoor Classroom, School Climate, follow up on Spanish Culture Club**

These topics can be presented at the sub-committee as Strategic Plan will be at full board

Future meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.