

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

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 1/24/22 Minutes submitted by: Kathy Baker  
Members present: Kathy Baker, Tim Blair, Greg Flanagan, Stephanie Strazza  
Members absent:  
Other attendees: Pat Cosentino, Julie Luby, Alyce Misuraca, James D'Amico, Dominic Cipollone, Amy Johnson, Ed Sbordone  
Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (1/24/22 at 7 p.m.)  
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/98424955377> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 984 2495 5377

**Meeting called to order:** at 7:02 p.m.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Added to the agenda by a motion made by Kathy Baker, seconded by Tim Blair, all in favor.

**Motion:** To nominate Stephanie Strazza for Chair of the Curriculum Subcommittee.

Made by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of vote:** Aye - 3 - Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, and Stephanie Strazza  
Nay - 1 - Tim Blair

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. November 22, 2021 – Regular Meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of November 22, 2021, as presented

Made by: Stephanie Strazza

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Upcoming NAEP Testing** – Alyce Misuraca presented on the upcoming NEAP Testing. Participation is a random sample. Testing occurs across the country and captures student achievement. Testing will happen in February.

**B. Early Reading Data** - Julie Luby reported on Grade 1 and 2 early reading data. The on/above numbers are not where we would like them to be; however, this is a nationwide challenge right now due to the pandemic. The schools are putting measures in place in order help our kids catch up by the end of the year, with below and approaching getting more support/intervention.

**C. ECE Courses** - What they are; How they work; How widespread they are at our HS  
Julie Luby presented the number of ECE (Early College Experiences) we have at NFHS – next year we will offer ten courses in the areas of math, language, science, English and music. Students can choose to dually enroll in these courses so that they earn college credit as well as high school credit. Four are through WestConn and six are through UConn. In the 2016 - 2017 school year we offered just two ECE courses. It gives the students a great experience and allows them to realize that they are capable of taking a college level class.

**D. High School Block Scheduling - Advantages and Disadvantages** - James D'Amico and the subcommittee discussed in depth the pros and cons of a block schedule. After much discussion, it was determined that it would be best to have an advisory committee formed to fully look into it. Dr Pat is the sponsor, James will run it and it will be made up of students, staff, teachers, BOE, parents, etc. The final decision on what to do will lie with the principal and superintendent. Any changes would not be implemented until the 2023/24 school year, when we move into the new high school. It could help as well if we want to have the MS/HS on the same schedule.

**V. ACTION ITEMS - none**

**V. OTHER** - Alyce Misuraca informed the subcommittee about a mini math camp that was held in January for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Students who were struggling were invited to attend and they had one- to-one and small-group meetings over a four-day period (after school). They are thinking about doing it on a monthly basis and including 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Public Comment**

Wendy Sullivan raised a concern about the reading material available in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Mrs. Sullivan was advised to raise her concerns with her child's teacher, and Julie Luby also advised she would be in contact with her to discuss this further.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Stephanie Strazza  
Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Kathy Baker  
**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:18 p.m.