

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

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 1/25/21

Minutes submitted by: Dominic Cipollone

Members present: Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza

Members absent:

Other attendees: Pat Cosentino, Julie Luby, Alyce Misuraca, James D'Amico, Bonny Marsicano, Mike Chapleau, Catherine Hull, Ed Sbordone, Amy Tarnowski, Lisa Bollacke

**Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (1/25 at 7 p.m.)**

**Web:** <https://zoom.us/j/92030642266> **Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 920 3064 2266**

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

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. November 23, 2020 – Regular Meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of November 23, 2020, as presented

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

## **III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. **New Course Proposals: 4 English Selectives**

1. **Exploring Sports and Outdoor Literature** - focusing on journalism

2. **The Power of Language: Ethics, Persuasion, and Manipulation** - focusing on debate & law

3. **Film as Literature** - focusing on media arts

4. **Exploring Ethics, The Power of Language** – focusing on advertising

Julie Luby began discussion. Choice builds engagement and promotes reading, writing, thinking and common learning. Bonny Marsicano, chair of the English Department said courses would be offered to Grade 12 students and one semester would be .5 English credit. Literature and non-fiction would support reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The Pathways program would give choice of either the Individual Perspectives course or the Diverse Perspectives course. James D'Amico stated that we would be providing students options and choices – offerings to multiple Pathways. Rick Regan asked if the Language and Ethics course would be looking at information and their sources. Bonny stated that the Sports course has three units that are formally drafted, and she also stated that curriculum would be developed in the coming weeks, from mid to late February.

**Motion:** To present the approval of these courses to the full Board

Made by: Rick Regan

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

## **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. **Civil Air Patrol** - Mike Chapleau presented the change to our Civil Air Patrol. We are now the flight of the 399 Squadron. Since its existence, our civil air patrol has partnered with the 801 squadron under the umbrella of the 399. There has been a numbers growth but COVID has presented a challenge. We need 15-20 cadets, and we need 15 in order not to be shut down by March. Combining gives us more resources. We will become part of the Danbury Squadron, and it gets us senior members. Greg Flanagan asked what can we do to help the program grow? Mike said that moving the program to the night last year was a great help, but COVID hurt everyone.

**B. iReady Data** - Julie Luby pointed out that 83% of students at the beginning of the year were proficient on their iReady reading assessment and 81% were proficient on their math assessment. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade honors class was not assessed. Stephanie Strazza pondered the effectiveness of the iReady tool and pointed out that specific lessons are geared towards skills.

**C. Vision of the Graduate Process** - Julie Luby stated that we would be revisiting the attributes of the graduate which was last done five years ago. We would start a process and work with teachers at every level. This would look at the Pre-K to grade 12 continuum.

**D. Bill O'Reilly Books** - We will be connecting some of these titles from the Killing Series to social studies curriculum allowing students access to non-fiction texts that read like novels. The goal is to provide more genres to support understandings in social studies.

**E. Math Update** – Alyce Misuraca shared that we would pilot new math curriculum in grades 6-11. Three high school teachers would be implementing new units, and three middle school teachers would be implementing new units. K-5 would explore top rated resources.

## **V. OTHER**

Stephanie Strazza asked about the DMG report and when it could be discussed.

Rick Regan asked about the new courses and when do we teach students about sources – the ISTE standards.

Dr. Cosentino mentioned that the Fine Arts mission/vision would be discussed on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Greg Flanagan  
Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Rick Regan  
**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:30 p.m.