

# WBOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## OCTOBER 5, 2017

**Present:** Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Margaret Hamilton, Maegan Genovese, Nancy Maasbach (*via telephone*), Board Members; Bob Gilbert, Superintendent; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; Stephanie Goldberg, Monique MacDonald and Emily Roberts; Teachers.

Ms. Piascyk called the meeting to order (4:34 PM).

**World Language Presentation** – Ms. Goldberg and Ms. Roberts presented an overview and background on the World Language program and detailed information regarding the student assessment. Also presented was a schedule of instruction hours by grade. The curriculum is generally reviewed every four to five years. A curriculum review/revision was completed in 2016. Since this is an elementary school, all students are considered novice. A student exit assessment was developed several years ago to assess student skill performance in *Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing*\* (\*Grades 5 and 6 only and was recently revised for Grade 6). Scoring is based on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language).

Through the year, overall student results have depicted a trend of:

Strengths - Listening/Reading

Areas of Improvement – Speaking and Writing

Assessment information for Grade 6 students is shared with the Middle School, (generally mid-year), and helps guide student placement for Grade 7.

**Community Lecture Series** – It was noted that the Board of Education combined two goals: increase community participation/awareness and to provide supplemental educational opportunities for parents to assist in the development of healthier eating patterns for children. It was originally anticipated this three lecture series would occur before Thanksgiving, in January and in the spring, partner with the Town Library, mirror a similar series offered by the Town and correlate physical activity /exercise with eating selections / portion control. Local experts could include Dr. Myron Genel, Yale Pediatric Endocrinology and on the Board of Stepping Stones Early Learning Center, Yale Child Center and Dr. Alan Kazdin, Yale Parenting Center. It was also suggested that perhaps arranging a field trip to the Stepping Stones Museum for Children located in Norwalk could be explored. Since gathering more information is necessary and it is already October, possibly a more realistic timeline for the first lecture might be January.

### **Upcoming Meeting Presentations:**

It was agreed Enrichment Opportunities would be moved to the December Meeting and Writer's Workshop would be moved to the November 9 meeting, which will be held in the District Office. The Writer's Workshop presentation should contain specifics for what a lesson looks like, how we interface with Columbia, specifics for how curriculum is maintained and how differentiation occurs within the curriculum and classroom.

Meeting Adjourned: (5:36 PM)