

# Curriculum Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 3:30 PM

Remote Session

## I. Call to Order

## II. Welcome and Introductions

## III. Approval of November 2022 meeting minutes

## IV. Review of overnight field trips - BOE approval

- Music:
  - Boston Heritage Festival 2023 - April 21-22, 2023
- Social Studies:
  - Europe - April 6-15, 2023

## V. CSDE-National Youth Tobacco Survey Collection (Jan or Mar)

## VI. Curriculum & Instruction Updates:

- Literacy
  - Evaluation of final two programs
  - January to begin the audit process
- Math
  - Tri-State
  - Finalized EQ's and alignment to indicators
- Special Education

## VII. Next Meeting Topics

## VIII. Adjournment

## **Curriculum Committee Meeting**

November 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Via Google Meet

### Present Committee Members:

Bernadette Kingsley (Chairperson), David Felton, Melissa Walker

### Present Administration:

Lisa Barbiero, Superintendent; Tina Henckel, Assistant Superintendent; Tracy Edwards, Director of PPS; Meghan Ward, WHS Principal; Pattie Falber, WIS Principal; Laura Kaddis, HES Principal; Meredith Starzyk, WHS Director Counseling

### Members of the Public:

Kristana Esslinger

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

### Discussion:

Ms. Henckel reviewed the general purpose of the Curriculum Committee meetings and reviewed the virtual meeting norms.

## **2. Approval of June 2022 minutes**

### Discussion:

Committee members suggested two corrections to the Draft October minutes. Mrs. Curiano made note of the corrections.

Motion Passed: Move that the Curriculum Committee approve the October 2022 meeting minutes. This motion made by Melissa Walker and seconded by David Felton.

**3 Yeas – 0 Nays**

## **3. WHS Program of Studies Review**

### Discussion:

- Ms. Henckel discussed the decision-making process of the Program of Studies Review. The 2022-23 school year will be a year of reflection, fact-finding and gathering of data. Following the year of reflection, any changes to the Program of Studies will be for the next school year (2024-25).
- The District is exploring some alternate options or partnerships with other high schools or colleges for students who may be looking for a specific pathway that the District cannot offer.

- Committee members asked about changing to AP college credit or an IB program. WPS Administration is having discussions about those programs, which include looking at feasibility and logistics.
- It was noted that the program review discussions are inclusive of special education students.

#### **4. WHS Link Crew Overview**

Discussion:

- Ms. Ward described the purpose of Link Crew, which is a high school transition program. It creates an opportunity for ninth graders to have mentorship opportunities with upperclassmen.
- The Weston Education Foundation (WEF) is sponsoring the training. The program will train eleventh and twelfth grade students to mentor incoming ninth graders.

#### **5. Curriculum and Instruction Update**

Discussion:

- District Literacy Update
  - The District Literacy Committee has 25 members with a range of teachers, special education teachers and administrators. The work of the committee is to lay a strong foundation on the new State of Connecticut literacy guidelines.
  - The committee is engaged in reviewing the six programs recommended by the State and choosing which program works best for the District.
  - The committee is reviewing Weston’s literacy program K-12, not just the K-3 State mandates.
- November 17 Board of Education Meeting
  - Ms. Henckel mentioned the WHS Statistical Report review at the upcoming meeting.

#### **6. Next Meeting Topics**

Discussion:

Ms. Henckel stated that one topic of discussion at the December meeting will be the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) National Youth Tobacco survey collection.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June Curiano