

Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:00 PM
Weston Middle School Library Learning
Commons
135 School Road
Weston, CT 06883

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of May 2024 meeting minutes
- III. Academic Year in Review:
 - Introduction (Structure of the Presentation) CIL vision, mission, and major focus of work
 - K-12 Presentations
 - Gallery Walk and Artifact Review
 - Synthesis and BOE Share Out “What did you appreciate?” “What are you still wondering about?”
 - Next Steps
- IV. Adjournment

Curriculum Committee Meeting

May 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Via Google Meet

Present Committee Members:

Bernadette Kingsley (Chairperson), David Felton, Chap Hoeppe

Present Administration:

Tina Henckel, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent; Meghan Conetta, WHS Principal; Pattie Falber, WIS Principal; Laura Kaddis, HES Principal; Liz Morris, K-12 Performing Arts CIL

1. Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Discussion:

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

2. Approval of April 2024 meeting minutes

Motion Passed: Move that the Curriculum Committee approve the April 2024 meeting minutes. This motion made by David Felton and seconded by Bernadette Kingsley.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

3. Overnight Field Trip Presentation – Music Department’s Imagination Campus

Discussion:

- CIL Liz Morris presented on the proposed WHS music department trip to Disney February 27 through May 3, 2025. She reviewed the itinerary and the activities the students will be participating in such as working in the recording studio and giving live performances.
- The trip is open to all performing arts students. The amount of students allowed to attend is capped at 150 and the amount of chaperones will be 15 for a group that size.
- Committee members asked about the cost of the trip and if there are scholarship opportunities. The cost is \$2,170 per student. There are group fundraising opportunities, scheduled payment plans and individual scholarship opportunities.
- Student feedback is shared in class following the trip rather than a formal survey form.
- The trip proposal will go to the full Board of Education meeting for a vote at the May meeting.

4. Curriculum & Instruction Updates

Discussion:

- State Testing Update
 - Principals gave an update on their respective school’s testing schedules for Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA), Next Generation Science Standards assessment (NGSS),

NWEA assessments, and high school Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

- Earth Day Celebrations
 - Each of the school principals in attendance and Dr. Henckel gave brief highlights of the Earth Day activities. Some examples: Green Team activities--planting saplings, pollinator gardening, reusable utensil project. School assemblies took place with presentations on Monarch butterfly conservation, composting, waste reduction in the cafeteria and recycling bins in the classroom.
- Leader and Teacher Evaluation Plan
 - Dr. Henckel outlined the Teacher Evaluation (TEVAL) Committee activities and progress towards completing an updated Teacher Evaluation plan as mandated by the State. The committee will present the proposed plan to the staff and then respective unions to approve or adjust the plan. The plan is then piloted for the coming school year and a final vote takes place in the spring of 2025.
- Weston High School Ranked #4 Best High School in CT
 - Dr. Henckel spoke on the criteria for best high school rankings in the US News and World Report. Principal Conetta also spoke on the significance of this honor.

5. Next Meeting Topics

- Academic Year in Review presentation including a student showcase. In-person meeting at WIS Room 118.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June Curiano