



Curriculum Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
9:30 AM
Zoom Webinar

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of June 2025 meeting minutes
- III. New Agenda Items:
 - Introduction to Weston's new Curriculum Instructional Leaders for K-12 Art and 3-5 Math and Science
 - Summer Curriculum Update
 - Summer Curriculum Academy
 - Spring '26 Panorama survey window: for families, students, and staff
 - Monday, March 9, to Friday, March 27, 2026
- IV. Future Meeting Topics
 - Next Generation Accountability Report
 - AI Advisory Committee Update
 - Future Ready Schools Frameworks and Standards
- V. Adjournment

Curriculum Committee Meeting

June 3, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Weston Middle School Library

Present Committee Members:

David Felton (Chairperson), Lisa Luft

Present Administration:

Tina Henckel, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent; Deborah Low, Acting Superintendent; Meghan Conetta, WHS Principal; Dan Doak, WMS Principal; Pattie Falber, WIS Principal; Laura Kaddis, HES Principal; MaryFaith Zanghi, K-12 Health & PE CIL; Kate O’Keefe, K-12 Visual Arts CIL; Liz Morris, K-12 Performing Arts CIL; Mercedes Fernandes, K-12 World Language CIL; Andrea Noble, K-2 ELA & Social Studies CIL; Kelly Delvecchio, K-2 Math & Science CIL; Alex Bluestein, 3-5 ELA & Social Studies CIL; Erin Barlow, 3-5 Math & Science CIL; Amy Holmes, 6-12 ELA CIL; Shawna Johnson, 6-12 Social Studies CIL; Riley Rapoport, 6-12 Math CIL; Beth Lancaster, 6-12 Science and Technology CIL

Members of the Public:

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1. Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Discussion:

Mr. Felton welcomed the attendants and reviewed the meeting norms.

2. Approval of the May 2025 meeting minutes

Motion Passed: Move that the Curriculum Committee approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. This motion made by Lisa Luft and seconded by David Felton

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3. 2025 Academic Year in Review

Discussion:

Dr. Henckel opened by introducing the purpose of the Academic Year in Review. She spoke on the coaching work that the Curriculum and Instructional Leaders (CILs) practiced this year, building on the foundation of the previous school year.

Health and PE Curriculum Leader, MaryFaith Zanghi spoke on K-12 curriculum revision and the adoption of the new National Physical Education as the focus for 2024-25. The department will continue finalizing K-8 Health curricula updates.

Curriculum Leaders Andrea Noble, Alex Bluestein and Amy Holmes presented on the English Language Arts curriculum areas of focus and next steps in enhancing the K-12 curriculum with cross-

disciplinary standards integration. In their discussions, they highlighted the implementation of a high-quality district MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support) program and creative enrichment opportunities for students.

Curriculum Leaders Shawna Johnson, Alex Bluestein and Andrea Noble highlighted the Social Studies departmental work that took place during the year. A committee that included district social studies teachers, CILs, and an outside consultant worked on the new state standards and application of the new curriculum. The work of curriculum revision and implementation will continue in the Summer Curriculum Academy.

Mathematics K-12 was presented by CILs Kelly DeVecchio, Erin Barlow and Riley Rapoport. The department focused on enhancing teacher effectiveness and student-centered learning. They also worked on content alignment and MTSS support.

Curriculum Leader Beth Lancaster presented on Science and Technology for grades 6-8. This year her department focused on promoting student-centered, inquiry-based instruction, NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) alignment and improving vertical alignment in 6-12 technology instruction. CILs Kelly DeVecchio and Erin Barlow presented on K-5 Science. They spoke on their work with NGSS standards and vertical alignment and cross-curricular learning opportunities.

Music Curriculum Leader, Liz Morris spoke on the new staff changes, goals on improved student engagement and student ensemble success. She highlighted the concerts, theatre performance and community events for the year.

Visual Arts was presented by CIL Kate O'Keefe. Kate spoke on her department's focus on increasing student engagement K-12 and exploring opportunities for student voice, honors-level art courses as well as ECE Courses (Early College Experience). She highlighted student successes and accolades.

Curriculum Leader Mercedes Fernandes presented on K-12 World Language. Her department focused on increasing reading and listening comprehension skills, refining benchmark assessments and creating a curriculum that fosters empathy and cultural diversity for engaging learning opportunities.

After the departmental presentation, Board members visited the gallery displays of artifacts from each department demonstrating the teaching and learning from the 2024-25 school year. Board members expressed their appreciation for the platform of the meeting where they could interact and ask questions with individual CILs and for the continued work in keeping the curriculum current and moving forward.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 .m.

Respectfully submitted,
June Curiano



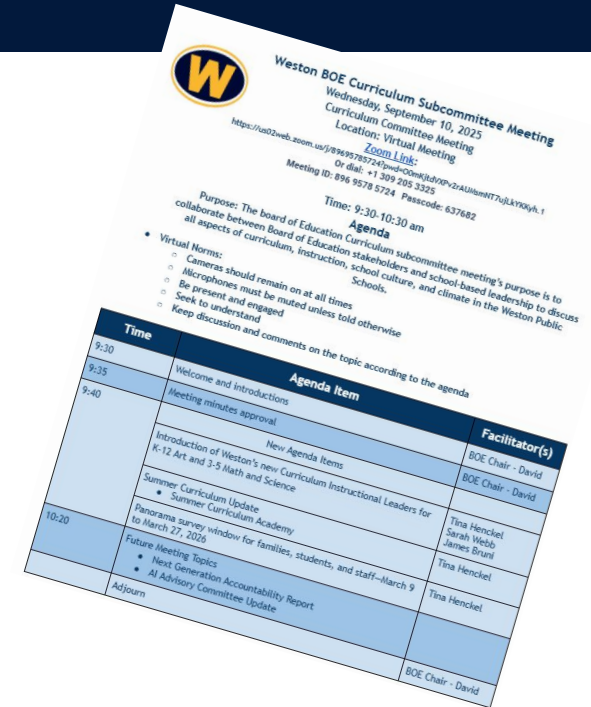
Summer Highlights and Next Steps

Board of Education - Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

September 10, 2025

Agenda

- Introduction of Weston’s NEW! Curriculum Instructional Leaders:
 - K-12 Art
 - 3-5 Math and Science
- Summer Curriculum Academy Update
- Panorama survey window for families, students, and staff:
 - Spring Data Collection Window: March 9 to March 27, 2026



Weston BOE Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting
 Wednesday, September 10, 2025
 Curriculum Committee Meeting
 Location: Virtual Meeting
 Zoom Link:
 Or dial: +1 309 205 3325
 Meeting ID: 896 9578 5724 Passcode: 637682
 Time: 9:30-10:30 am

Agenda
 Purpose: The board of Education Curriculum subcommittee meeting's purpose is to collaborate between Board of Education stakeholders and school based leadership to discuss all aspects of curriculum, instruction, school culture, and climate in the Weston Public Schools.

- Virtual Norms:
 - Cameras should remain on at all times
 - Microphones must be muted unless told otherwise
 - Be present and engaged
 - Seek to understand
 - Keep discussion and comments on the topic according to the agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator(s)
9:30	Welcome and introductions	BOE Chair - David
9:35	Meeting minutes approval	BOE Chair - David
9:40	New Agenda Items	
	Introduction of Weston's new Curriculum Instructional Leaders for K-12 Art and 3-5 Math and Science	Tina Henciel Sarah Wedo James Brunt
	Summer Curriculum Update • Summer Curriculum Academy	Tina Henciel
10:20	Panorama survey window for families, students, and staff--March 9 to March 27, 2026	Tina Henciel
	Future Meeting Topics • Next Generation Accountability Report • AI Advisory Committee Update	
	Adjourn	BOE Chair - David



Welcome to the CIL Team!

Sarah Webb

K-12 Art:

8+ Years of Art Education Experience - Taught K-12 students in Weston, New Haven, and New York, developing expertise across all grade levels.

Instructional Leadership - Served as Specials Team Leader in New Haven, coordinating schedules, leading professional development for 40+ art educators, and mentoring future art teachers.

Program & Event Highlights - Designed and facilitated districtwide art shows, school-wide exhibitions, and student participation in national competitions such as *Doodle for Google* and the *New Haven Symphony Orchestra Art Contest*.

Curriculum & Innovation - Revitalized Weston's K-2 art curriculum, integrating multiple media (drawing, painting, sculpture, fiber arts, printmaking) and fostering creativity, inclusion, and cross-curricular connections with literacy and math.

James Bruni

3-5 STEM:

15+ Years in Education - Experience as teacher, interventionist, math coach, consultant, curriculum specialist, and district-level leader.

Math & STEM Expertise - Specialized in math education across grades K-8, with a strong background in STEM coaching and curriculum design.

Instructional Leadership - Led curriculum mapping initiatives, developed professional learning for educators, and monitored MTSS implementation at the district level.

Higher Education & Recognition - Adjunct Instructor at Southern Connecticut State University and nominee for the J. Philip Smith Outstanding Teaching Award.

One of my favorite moments from James's reference checks came from his school leader, who said:

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"We keep giving him more things to do because every time we do, it turns to gold."

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Summer Curriculum Academy Highlights

Phase 3 Design and Focus of our Work

- June 18-24, 2025
- Allocation of days range from 2 to 5 full days per team
- Who is working and how will they be organized?
 - Approximately 81 teachers
 - 63 different teams across K-12
 - 8 different content areas
- **Phase 3** Began:

Identified the phases of curriculum development per content area, grade level/course:



- **Targeted curriculum based** tasks completed per team
 - Updates to and Design of:
 - K-12 Scope and Sequence
 - Pacing Guide per grade
 - Full Year Unit Planners
 - NEW! Common Assessments
 - Common Assessment Guidelines
 - Curriculum at a Glance Documents



Curriculum at a Glance Documents

*All Content Areas have at least one now posted!

Completed: 56

In-Progress: 47

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Climate Survey Administration Timeline (Spring 2026)

March						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	15
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April/May						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

SPRING 2026 IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday March 9, 2026 - All Surveys open**
- **Principals will:**
 - **Communicate in week ahead newsletters along the way - Monitor response rates & download completion lists**
 - **On-site options** during events
- **Friday March 27, 2026 - All Surveys close**
- **April/May Analysis - Results available**



Planning Period



Survey Window



Analysis of Results
with Admin &
Stakeholders

Future Topics of Discussion

- Next Generation Accountability Report
- AI Advisory Committee
- Future Ready Schools Framework and Standards

