Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, August 23, 2021 7:00 PM
Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (8/23/21 at 7 p.m.) Web:
https://zoom.us/j/97525344439 Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 975 2534
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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. May 24, 2021 – Regular

B. June 9, 2021 - Special

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

IV. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Professional Learning Experiences for Staff for the
   Opening of School

B. New Teacher Orientation

C. Math Update

V. **OTHER**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum   Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 5/24/21   Minutes submitted by: Dominic Cipollone
Members present: Dominic Cipollone, Greg Flanagan, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent:
Other attendees: Julie Luby, Alyce Misuraca, James D'Amico, Tricia Andrews, Ed Sbordone
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Meeting called to order: at 7:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
     A. April 26, 2021 – Regular Meeting
Motion: To approve the minutes of April 26, 2021, as presented
Made by: Greg Flanagan   Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza
Recording of vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS -
     A. New Course Proposal: ECE Introduction to Allied Health Professions - Julie Luby
explained that this proposal and syllabus is given for UCONN credit - ECE course gets a grade
and is worth college credit. ECE stands for Early College Experience. James D'Amico
explained that this course is a semester long and helps augment a student's application.
     B.   New Textbook Proposal: Introduction to Law, 6th Edition (2019) (A copy is
available in the annex in the Assistant Superintendent's office.)
Trisha Andrews presented the Introduction to Law textbook. It is a softcover book with no digital
access. It has updated case studies and costs $134.99. The committee felt this text was too
expensive and warranted further research that included a digital component and a better price.
Alyce said she would clarify on the Introduction to Law textbook.
     C. New Textbook Proposal: Better Business, 5th Edition (2018) (A copy is available in
the annex in the Assistant Superintendent's office.)
Better Business is for the Introduction to Business course and Entrepreneurship, and it costs
$89.99. The committee voted in favor of this textbook, and it was unanimous.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS
     A. SAT Scores - New Course Proposal: ECE Introduction to Allied Health Professions
SAT scores dropped and it was agreed that curriculum, professional development and student
readiness had to be improved. Rick Regan indicated that we have had this discussion regarding
math scores for years. Stephanie Strazza shared her thoughts on improving our scores. A
passionate discussion ensued where members shared their disappointment with the lack of
improvement in math scores.
     B.   Update on the Graduate Process
Julie Luby gave an update on the graduate process. She shared that the BOE, staff and parents have given
input. Greg Flanagan shared that there needs to be accountability, Stephanie Strazza spoke about the why
and what and student ownership, and Dominic Cipollone added that curriculum, pedagogy and student
readiness are three legs of a stool.

C. Math Update: Purchases and Rollout

Alyce Misuraca spoke about the math update and the process of looking at K-12 and asking the question – "What do students know?" Alyce also shared that feedback to students and teachers will be necessary for growth and that critical thinking will be invaluable. Envision will be one of the resources used. She said there will be a strategic plan for improvement

V. OTHER - Greg Flanagan brought up a concern for more transparency around curriculum, and Stephanie pointed out that students need to learn how to properly take notes.

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Greg Flanagan   Seconded by: Rick Regan
Recording of vote: All in favor   **Meeting adjourned at**: 8:47 p.m.