

Curriculum/Instruction Subcommittee

Monday, November 27, 2023 *6:00 p.m. *Please note change in the start time of the meeting.

Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (11/27/23 at 6:00 p.m.) Web:
<https://zoom.us/j/97223979183> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 972 2397 9183, 3 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

II.A. October 23, 2023 – Regular

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

III.A. Kindergarten Age Requirement Update

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. OTHER

VI. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Curriculum

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 10/23/23

Minutes submitted by: K. Baker

Members present: Kathy Baker, Greg Flanagan, Stephanie Strazza

Members absent: Tim Blair

Other attendees: Ken Craw, Dr. Judith Wilson, Karen Gruetzner, Dominic Cipollone, Amy Johnson

Meeting Access: Curriculum Subcommittee (10/23/23 at 7:00 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/94321408604>

Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 943 2140 8604

Meeting called to order: at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 26, 2023 – Regular Meeting - approved by consensus

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Curriculum Analysis Report Review - Dr. Craw introduced Dr. Judith Wilson to present the Curriculum Analysis report. She talked about how many foundational things we have in place. We have a great staff, and we just need to provide the correct processes and framework to help the staff succeed. The district needs to have clear roles and responsibilities, and to understand who is really in charge of the curriculum design. It was recommended that we pick the right people to design the curriculum and then stick with it for several years. Professional learning is important and needs to be high quality. We still have a lot of holes and things are not connected. Microlearning is good. Learn, apply, reflect. Special Ed needs to be included in all. On boarding of new employees needs to be multiyear, not a one-time thing.

B. Middle School Grading - Karen Gruetzner presented the changes to NFMS grading. The Middle School is moving back to a more traditional method of grading and is moving away from the 0-4 scale and the habit of minds grading. All teachers' grade books are set up the same now. It is more consistent with how we grade at the high school.

C. Healthier High School Start Time Follow Up – The committee discussed how curriculum could be affected by a later start time. A survey will be going out in early November.

IV. ACTION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER – Eighth graders get presentations on other high schools that they have the option of attending. Would it be possible for them to attend a presentation on our new high school and our offerings?

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Stephanie Strazza

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 8:32 p.m.