

**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, May 21, 2012 6:15 PM**  
Central Office Curriculum Office, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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Somers Board of Education

Curriculum Committee Minutes  
May 21, 2012 - 6:15 P.M. - Central Office

Present: K.Pezza, G. Cotzin, A. Kirkpatrick, J.Formeister, B. Pellessier

Discussion to grant high school credit for Spanish 1, French 1, Algebra 1, Spanish 1A, French 1A. State now allows credit for middle school courses. "A" sections get a full year credit at SHS, so these 8th grade courses would meet high school requirements. There will be a need soon, to meet State graduation requirements, to increase the number of classes at SHS; granting credit for these middle school classes will help. Committee agreed unanimously to support granting credit. Will go to the Policy Committee.

State has not yet approved Social Studies frameworks K-12. Money allocated for Social Studies books this year will be spent on other books now and Social Studies line will be moved to another year.

K-5-replacing Developmental Reading Assessment, used since 1990's. Little non-fiction and State requires 50-50 (then 70-30 by 9th grade). Fountas & Pinnell kits have more accuracy in determining reading ability, especially at higher grade levels, and more consistency. (\$14,500 in budget) This is just for assessment, mainly beginning and end of year, sometimes used at other times to assess individual students. Students can practice at home online and record their reading, which teachers can listen to (\$2,400 annual cost for that).

Committee supports these changes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Formeister, Chair

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To: Curriculum Committee  
Anne Kirkpatrick  
Brad Pellisier

From: Joan Formeister, Chairman

Re: Meeting Date/Agenda

Date: May 17, 2012

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, 5/21/12 at 6:15 p.m. in the Central Office Curriculum Room. The agenda is as follows:

1. DRA2
2. Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Assessments
3. Discussion high school credit for 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses, French 1, Spanish 1, Algebra 1
4. Other

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