

**Windsor Board of Education  
Curriculum Committee Meeting**

Monday, October 6, 2025 4:30 PM

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Windsor, CT 06095

1. Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

**Speaker(s):** A. Taylor

2. Audience to Visitors

**Speaker(s):** A. Taylor

3. Updates to WHS Curriculum

**Speaker(s):** A. Taylor

- 3.a. Film to Literature

**Speaker(s):** A. Taylor

- 3.b. Leaving your Legacy

**Speaker(s):** A. Taylor

- 3.c. Sports & Society

**Speaker(s):** A. Taylor

- 3.d. African American Literature

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- 3.e. Banned Books

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4. Adjournment

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# 10.06.2025

## Curriculum Sub-Committee

→ Grade 12 English Electives



Presented by: Dr. Bonnie Fineman<sup>2</sup>

# Objectives

- Introduce the curriculum-writing team.
- Explain rationale for project.
- Review contents of new curriculum map and units.
- Share next steps.
- Obtain feedback and answer questions.

# Rationale for All Elective Projects

- Teacher, parent, and student feedback indicated a desire to have more choice in senior English.
- Students responded to a survey and selected which courses they would like to see as electives.
- The department hypothesized that semester courses could lead to higher motivation for seniors.
- Electives are paired with English Seminar.
- Courses were designed to mimic the types of English offerings available at most colleges and universities; they are specialized.

# Sports & Society

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→ Focus Unit

◆ [Unit 3](#)

# Curriculum Team- Sports & Society

- Todd Cunha
  - WHS English Teacher
- Dr. MJ Martinez
  - Humanities Supervisor
- Dr. Bonnie Fineman
  - Dir. Secondary Curriculum- Trainer/ Facilitator

# Overview- Sports & Society

- 4 units
  - Cultural Arenas: Sports & Personal Identity
  - The Athlete as Writer: Voice and Expression in Sports
  - “Real” to “Reel”: Truth, Fiction, and Mythmaking in Sports
  - Playing the Game: Power, Politics, & Protest in Sports

# Curriculum Map

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# Focus Unit

- Unit 3

# Film to Literature

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- Focus Unit
  - ◆ [Unit 1](#)

# Curriculum Team- Film to Literature

- Emma McCarthy
  - WHS English Teacher
- Dr. MJ Martinez
  - Humanities Supervisor
- Dr. Bonnie Fineman
  - Dir. Secondary Curriculum- Trainer/ Facilitator

# Overview- Film to Literature

- 4 Units
  - Coming of Age and the Emergence of the Individual
  - Speculative Fiction and Human Connections
  - Social Change and Justice
  - Globalization in Film

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# Focus Unit

- Unit 1

# Banned Books

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- Focus Unit
  - ◆ [Unit 1](#)

# Curriculum Team- Banned Books

- Jasmine Kehrhahn
  - WHS English Teacher
- Dr. MJ Martinez
  - Humanities Supervisor
- Dr. Bonnie Fineman
  - Dir. Secondary Curriculum- Trainer/ Facilitator

# Overview- Banned Books

- 4 Units
  - Understanding Censorship
  - Grounds for Suppression: Case Studies
  - Contemporary Banned Books Club
  - Advocacy and Action

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# Focus Unit

- Unit 1

# African American Literature

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- Focus Unit
  - ◆ [Unit 4](#)

# Curriculum Team- African American Literature

- Felicia Hamilton
  - WHS English Teacher
- Dr. MJ Martinez
  - Humanities Supervisor
- Dr. Bonnie Fineman
  - Dir. Secondary Curriculum- Trainer/ Facilitator

# Overview- African American Literature

## ■ 4 Units

- Unpacking Systemic Inequity in Antebellum America
- The Unfinished Blueprint: Voices of Justice and Black Identity in Reconstruction
- The unfolding Fight for Freedom: Black Voices, Art, and Activism in 20th Century America
- Reclaiming Tomorrow: Black Art, Identity, and Liberated Futures

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# Focus Unit

- Unit 4

# Leaving Your Legacy

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- Focus Unit
  - ◆ [Unit 2](#)

# Curriculum Team- Leaving Your Legacy

- Andrea Chudzik
  - WHS English Teacher
- Dr. MJ Martinez
  - Humanities Supervisor
- Dr. Bonnie Fineman
  - Dir. Secondary Curriculum- Trainer/ Facilitator

# Overview- Leaving Your Legacy

- 4 Units
  - Connecting with Community
  - The Nuts and Bolts of Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR)
  - Lived Experience as Research
  - Sparking Change at WHS

# Curriculum Map

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# Focus Unit

- Unit 2

# Next Steps

- Seek full BOE approval.
- Continue to examine other electives (non-senior courses) for quality and possible revision.

# BOE Members' Questions

- Notes

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# Links to Curriculum Folders

- [Sports & Society](#)
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# Questions?

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