

Newtown Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held February 2, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the BOE Conference Room.

J. Vouros

M. Ku

J. Evans Davila

Marianne Grenier

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

J. Vouros made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2017. M. Ku seconded.

Public participation: None

Marianne Grenier presented the K-2 Spanish Curriculum in the Concept-based format. Spanish is offered thirty minutes per week to students currently in grades K and 1. This is a total immersion experience in which the instructors speak only Spanish to the children. Classroom teachers are notified in advance of what will be coming up in the Spanish Curriculum and will extend the lesson during the week. Children are evaluated through observation only. Currently, we are looking to purchase children's books in Spanish to support the curriculum.

J. Evans Davila gave an update on the upcoming District-wide, 2 hour, Professional Development scheduled for the morning of February 3, 2017. Kindergarten Parent Night is scheduled for February 13, 2017, at Reed Intermediate. Invited to join Parent Night are PTAs, Booth Library, EdAdvance, Principals and the Catherine Violet Hubbard Sanctuary which offers free educational programs. Planning for SmartCamp is underway for this summer. The NGSS Leadership Team has developed a proposed transition plan for implementation of the new science standards.

J. Vouros motioned to adjourn. M. Ku seconded

Meeting adjourned at 11:27

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Bennett Schaedler

These are draft minutes and subject to approval by the C and I Subcommittee