

**Newtown Board of Education  
Newtown, Connecticut  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee**

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

M. Ku            A. Uberti        A. Hiruo  
J. Vouros       K. Feda

Also present: Board of Education member Deborra Zukowski

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 meeting.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Public Participation: None

**Presentation of proposed Grade 4 Math Curriculum**

Amy Hiruo and Kris Feda presented an overview of the newly developed Grade 4 Mathematics curricula, which completes the update of Kindergarten through Grade 4 Math curricula.

K. Feda stated that currently students are assessed with materials from the Stepping Stones resource.

A. Hiruo added that they are trying out new performance tasks in addition to the traditional assessments. A. Uberti shared that the Math Curriculum Committee is conducting a vertical examination of math assessments, with particular focus between the schools: 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. J. Vouros asked how schools prepare for the transition of students coming in. A. Uberti shared that there is a thorough review of IEPs, 504s and Intervention Plans prior to students moving from grade to grade and building to building.

**PE/Health & Digital Literacy Coordinator Roles**

Anne Uberti presented.

Two new coordinator roles have been created. Each coordinator will receive a stipend for their work to be paid from the Assistant Superintendent's budget.

Michelle Failla will serve in the role of Physical Education and Health coordinator and Suzanne Hurley will serve in the role of Digital Literacy Coordinator. Ms. Failla will be working with K-12 PE and Health teachers and Mrs. Hurley will be working with K-12 Library Media Specialists. Each coordinator will advise the Assistant Superintendent on current and upcoming legislative and policy issues, as well as provide updates regarding teacher preparation standards in these certification areas. In addition, Mrs.

Failla will assist in the coordination and planning of curriculum and professional development as it relates to K-12 physical education, health, and wellness. Likewise, Mrs. Hurley assist in the coordination and planning of curriculum and professional development as it relates to K-12 library media specialists.

Each coordinator will begin planning professional development with their colleagues who are certified in these areas beginning with the January 17<sup>th</sup> DPLC day.

Public Participation: None

J. Vouros adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

M. Ku seconded the motion

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Norling

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.