

Newtown Board of Education  
Newtown, Connecticut  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on October 20, 2017 in the BOE Conference Room.

J. Vouros

M. Ku

J. Evans Davila

J. Vouros call the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

J. Vouros motioned to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Public participation: None

J. Vouros reminded the committee that the topic for the meeting would be to review math course enrollment for Reed Intermediate and Newtown Middle School.

J. Evans Davila prepared graphs showing both RIS and NMS Math enrollment data from 2014 to present.

M. Ku presented a regression analysis of eighth graders enrolled in advanced math versus performance that exceeds expectations on the Smarter Balanced assessments.

J. Evans Davila introduced a protocol for data review, and the committee agreed to use the protocol to guide their analysis of the math course enrollment data. Discussion of the data included the topic of reduction in the District's overall student enrollment, consideration of changes in entry requirements for advance math courses, the positive impact of the Math Pathways that have been developed and shared with students and families, and increase in rigor in grades 3 and 4.

Update: J. Evans Davila reported on her work in establishing an Instructional Cabinet in terms of the membership within the group, the purpose of the work, its role in coordinating professional learning, and the planning of curriculum projects. J. Evans Davila also shared that the team has been working together to share resources and to arrange meetings with their counterpart in other building levels.

Public participation: none

J. Vouros motioned to adjourn at 12:48 p.m.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Schaedler

These are draft minutes and are subject to the approval of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

