

Newtown Board of Education  
Newtown, Connecticut  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022

J. Vouros                      D. Ramsey                      E. Hall  
J. Larkin                        A. Uberti                        K. Longobucco

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**Public Participation:** None

**Presentation of Calculus A/B and B/C:**

Eugene Hall, Department Chair of Mathematics, presented the curriculum for Calculus A/B and B/C. The two curriculums were written in the summer of 2021. G. Hall explained the difference between Honors Calculus and AP Calculus; however, one similarity between both Honors Calculus and AP Calculus is that they use the same curriculum. The pathway to Honors Calculus is from CPA Precalculus and Honors Precalculus AB. The pathway to AP Calculus AB is only from Honors Precalculus AB and lastly, the pathway to AP Calculus BC is from Honors Precalculus BC. Students are able to given the opportunity to get college credit from WCSU when they take Honors Calculus. This credit can be transferred to another university.

G. Hall presented the following table to show the different sections that are being taught in each course.

Honors Precalculus BC	AP Calculus BC	AP Calculus AB(Honors Calculus)
Precalculus Curriculum		
Limits		Limits
Differentiation		Differentiation
	Applications of Differentiation	Applications of Differentiation
	Integration	Integration
	Applications of Integration	Applications of Integration
	Differential Equations	Differential Equations
	Parametric, Polars, VVF	
	Infinite Sequences and Series	

**Assistant Superintendent Update:**

A. Uberti updated the committee about the ongoing process of evaluating the six reading programs that have been approved by the State. A. Uberti, K. DiBartolo and the ELA consultants are planning on meeting for half of a day next week to review all of the programs again to narrow down the best options. A. Uberti continued by saying that they are also gathering quotes and they do have hefty price tags associated with these programs. They are also evaluating Newtown’s existing program. The state

has not yet released the waiver which is frustrating because the District needs to send in their intention by December 16<sup>th</sup>. A. Uberti stated that they are using the rubric that can be found on the state website to evaluate our existing program. It is the same rubric that was used to evaluate the other six programs. As more information becomes available it will be incorporated into their decision making process.

A. Uberti clarified that the intention does not seem to be a binding decision. As this point, it seems like they need to know if the District is intending to ask for a waiver or intending to implement a new resource. The goal is to narrow the programs down to two choices and then do a pilot between February and May so they can get more input from teachers.

A. Uberti said that she will be presenting their recommendations to the Board at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Assistant Superintendent Update

A. Uberti provided a status update on the review of potential reading programs as required to be implemented next year by the CSDE. Several questions were raised relating to the process for selecting a program, considerations to maintaining existing programming, and cost, among others. A. Uberti shared that she and the Director of Teaching and Learning Kara DiBartolo will present to the full Board on December 6<sup>th</sup>, in advance of notifying the state of CT of the district's intentions for next year. She will have more to share at that meeting as the team is still in the process of meeting with representatives from various companies.

#### **Public Participation:** None

J. Vouros adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

J. Larkin seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Connell

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