

Newtown Board of Education  
Newtown, Connecticut  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

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

J. Vouros

M. Ku

J. Evans Davila

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

J. Vouros approved the minutes from the September 7, 2017 meeting

M. Ku second the motion

Public participation: None

J. Evans Davila shared curriculum projects that have been completed this summer and are ready to move forward to committees as part of the approval process. There are 15 curricula that must go through three to four different committees. J. Vouros, M. Ku, and J. Evans Davila reviewed the calendars of the various committees, determining that Curriculum Council is the level in which the influx of curricula will create a potential delay in the approval process due to the volume of work which must be examined. Ms. Evans Davila discussed some options that she will pose to the Curriculum Council that might help the work move forward within a reasonable time frame.

Ms. Evans Davila stated that the Health Curriculum is a large project to review at one time, given that every grade level K-12 has been revised along with the development of standardized presentation PowerPoints for sensitive curricular topics. J. Evans Davila, M. Ku, and J. Vouros discussed the potential advantages

and disadvantages of apportioning the curriculum by grade bands K-6 and 7-12 for the review, concluding that they favor a cohesive review of the K-12 Health Curriculum project in order to better determine the scope and sequence of the discipline. Remaining discussion pertained to which curricula would be bundled together with other subject areas as these projects progress through the approval process. Tentative dates are to be scheduled.

Updates: M. Ku expressed that she would like to learn more about Dyslexia, in terms of how the district is addressing it. J. Evans Davila explained current legislation and the requirement for universal screening using one of the instruments identified on the Connecticut State Department of Education's approved list of assessments. Ms. Evans Davila explained the reasons that the Developmental Reading Assessment 2 (DRA2) is not sufficient for the purposes of screening; additionally, she discussed intervention programs commonly used by districts to address the needs of students with Dyslexia. Ms. Evans Davila asked Dr. Ku if she felt the need to invite a Special Education Supervisor or a Language Arts Consultant to a future C & I Subcommittee Meeting to answer questions. M. Ku determined that no future action was required at this time, as this discussion addressed her general questions.

Public participation: None

J. Vouros motioned to adjourned. M. Ku seconded

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Schaedler

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