

Newtown Board of Education  
Newtown, Connecticut  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on September 25, 2018, in the BOE Conference Room.

J. Vouros            M. Ku            J. Evans Davila

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

J. Vouros motioned to approve the minutes from September 4. M. Ku seconded the motion.

Public Participation: None

J. Evans Davila presented student achievement results from the 2017-18 school year, as follows: Grades 3-8 Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy and Mathematics assessments, Grade 11 Connecticut School Day S.A.T., and the Advanced Placement examinations. J. Evans Davila noted that the performance of the current fourth grade cohort who took the tests in grade 3 during the last school year was particularly strong. In comparison to all schools in Connecticut's District Reference Group (DRG) B, this cohort of students placed first in ELA/Literacy and second in Mathematics. The percentage of students achieving scores in levels 3 and 4 of the Performance Categories was reviewed, and the steps being taken to enhance curriculum and instruction in each grade level were identified. J. Evans Davila explained briefly Connecticut's new Growth Model, and stated this is a more precise way to interpret Smarter Balanced assessment results with a focus on the percentage of growth achieved by students in each grade level. J. Vouros asked how students who struggle with language or processing issues are supported when being assessed in Smarter Balanced, and J. Evans Davila explained that there are embedded and universal support tools that are made available to students, which coordinate to Individual Education Plans in the case of students who receive specialized services. M. Ku asked about availability of information on the growth results. J. Evans Davila stated that the Growth Report can be accessed by the public through the [edsight.ct.gov](http://edsight.ct.gov) website portal. Next, the results from the CT School Day S.A.T. were presented, followed by the Advanced Placement results.

The proposed meeting calendar for the remainder of 2018 was presented by J. Evans Davila, and accepted for public posting by J. Vouros and M. Ku. All meetings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday mornings.

J. Vouros and M. Ku discussed future topics for upcoming Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meetings. J. Evans Davila recommended a presentation of the Growth Model Report for the 2017-18 Smarter Balanced assessments during the next committee meeting.

M. Ku motioned to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. J. Vouros seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Norling

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