

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

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in the BOE Conference Room

M. Ku Anne Uberti
J. Vouros Frank Purcaro

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

J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Public Participation: None.

Introduction of Dr. Frank Purcaro, Director of Teaching & Learning.

Dr. Purcaro shared his current progress with meeting building administrators.

He currently met with five of the schools and will meet with the last two by the end of the week.

When meeting with building administrators Dr. Purcaro will discuss curriculum, instruction, resources, and become familiar with the facilities and staff.

Summer Curriculum & Instruction Update

Mrs. Uberti explained that curriculum writing was centralized in two locations over a two week period at the end of June. At each of the two locations, a facilitator kicked off curriculum-writing with an overview of Concept-based Curriculum and Instruction (CBCI) and stayed on site throughout the week to support the work.

Proposed 2019/2020 Curriculum Approval Calendar

Mrs. Uberti reviewed the proposed 2019/2020 Curriculum Approval Calendar explaining the process the curriculum follows once it is written. Mrs. Uberti stated that she created a committee schedule for the entire year. There is a lot of curriculum in the pipeline. We are going to try and avoid having four come through on any given BOE meeting. We have a rough plan on what is ready to go. A lot of writing has been done. We are going to try and stagger the approval process.

Grade 9 Spanish Courses 1A & 1B

Mrs. Uberti explained that Spanish 1 was offered as two full year courses, Spanish 1A & 1B last year.

There were 28 students enrolled in Spanish 1A last year. Content was given through the teacher and Rosetta Stone. It was very well received by students and parents. There are 23 students continuing to

Spanish 1B.

Public Participation: None.

M. Ku adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

J. Vouros seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Norling

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