

Board of Education  
Newtown, Ct  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes of the Board of Education Subcommittee meeting held on March 24, 2016. BOE Conference Room, 3 Primrose Street.

J. Vouros      M. Ku      J. Evans Davila      C. Canfield      A. Hall      K. Lowell      L. Rodrigue

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Motion: J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes from March 8, 2016. M. Ku approved

Public Participation: none

A review of the upcoming K-12 Science Self Study presentation was given by C. Canfield and A. Hall. The goal of the presentation is to show the progression of K-12 Science within the school district. Suggestions for the presentation were made and noted.

A suggestion was made to add to the presentation some information about the field trip to the local watershed area in which students at Reed participate.

K. Lowell explained that a math background must be considered for science choices. She shared that it is common for eleventh and twelfth grade students to double up on math and science .

An update on school start times at Wilton High School was provided by L. Rodrigue as part of the continuing information-gathering process related to Sleep Study research. Wilton High School has reported that they have been on a later start time since 2003. Wilton did not have a lot of data to share, but teachers state anecdotally that discipline issues have decreased and student engagement and ability to be alert has increased since they have shifted to later start time. Their goal was to get students more sleep not better grades. Overall they believe it was a success.

It was suggested to remember who you will be flipping hours with. Children should not be waiting for buses in the dark. There are other districts doing the same information gathering, and L. Rodrigues will be checking into this feedback. Newtown plans to use the next year exploring the issue in terms of transportation and community involvement.

J. Vouros motioned to adjourn. M. Ku seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Schaedler

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