

Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes of the Board of Education Subcommittee meeting held on May 10, 2016. BOE Conference Room, 3 Primrose Street.

J. Vouros M. Ku J. Evans Davila L. Rodrigue D. DeFeo

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

Motion: J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2016. M. Ku seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Public participation: none

J. Evans Davila explained plans for summer professional development offerings within the district starting with NWEA “Train the Trainer” one day session. This training is capable of training 40 teachers in the district during the month of August 2016. Participants will use Newtown’s data from NWEA Measures of Academic Progress and MAP for Primary Grades with instructional resources from the Learning Continuum to inform instructional planning and differentiated instruction.

It was also announced that Newtown will be hosting a Summer Institute in ELA/Reading, which will take place July 25-28, 2016. The four-day institute will provide K-8 teachers with a deeper understanding of tools and strategies for differentiated instruction of reading within the workshop using the Columbia model. The plan is to have representatives from all six building. A maximum total of 40 teachers will be accepted into the workshop.

D. DeFeo and L. Rodrigue presented Graphic I and II Curriculum to the C and I Subcommittee for their approval to move it forward to the BOE on May 17, 2016. This course has a 60:40 ratio providing many opportunities for both male and female students. Students who have taken this course feel that after leaving they are already a year ahead of their peers. In each unit students are asked to solve problems and asked to use industry standard software to create designs that are their own and produced in an organized, thoughtful and methodical way.

L. Rodrigue presented a Math Pathways Update. Representatives from the different schools have follow-up meetings since the math presentation to the BOE a year ago. The Math Pathways and supporting information is being prepared for the district website.

Agenda recommendations for upcoming meeting included an update from Sherry Earle (Gifted),

FLES: Spanish Grade One and Freshman Advanced Partnership (STEM) as a pilot program with L. Rodrigue.

Public participation: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Schaedler

These are draft minutes and subject to approval by the C and I Subcommittee