

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

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, in the BoE Conference Room.

M. Ku            A. Uberti  
J. Vouros

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

J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Public Participation: None.

**ELA Self-Study**

Mrs. Uberti updated stating that Kim Longobucco, Nadia Papalia and Abi Marks will be presenting a 2-year progress report at the 10/1/19 BoE meeting.

Key points of the presentation:

- Anticipated completion and approval of all K-8 ELA curricula by end of school year 2020- 2021
- 19-20 Adoption of Foundations K-1; training provided for all teachers
- Anticipated roll-out of Foundations in grade 2 for 20-21 with training to take prior to the close of the 19-20 school year
- Training for admin and staff on CBCI (Concept Based Curriculum and Instruction) implementation
- Needed additional attention to scope and sequence for grammar and spelling (3+) and identification of resources
- Development of K-8 Writing Rubrics will result in ability to collect and analyze data
- Continued training of staff in multi-tiered systems of support and Alpine

**FLES Curriculum**

Mrs. Uberti gave the following update on FLES:

- FLES (Foreign Language in Elementary Schools) is currently in all grades K-4, 1x30 minutes per week
- Clarification on status of curriculum is needed – what has been written vs. approved
- Looking to roll up to Grade 5 and 6 for next year
- Will be working with the teachers (Marianne Grenier, Cristina Montanez, and new teacher) to develop 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum
- Will be working with RIS Principal Correia to develop implementation plan

- Looking right now at some type of assessment – possibly having 4<sup>th</sup> grades take the AAPPL (a computerized proficiency exam to test Spanish learning level) offered from ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language)
- Goal would be to have students reach the advanced level on ACTFL before graduating high school

### **Projected Completion of Math 6+, 7 & 8**

Mrs. Uberti stated that the writing of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math is expected to be completed at the end of this school year. The units for Math 6+ can be added in at that time and all three will move to BoE approval in next year – 20/21

### **Updated Curriculum Approval Calendar**

Mrs. Uberti shared that the Curriculum Calendar will be revised as needed, based on changes being made in curriculum development that will impact dates.

### **Committee Roundtable Discussion**

High School Grading Practices – Administrators and department chairs have worked with teachers to develop common grading practices (weights and categories) for the same courses to ensure students are graded in the same manner for the same content/level.

Public Participation: None.

J. Vouros adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Norling

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.