

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 19 2018
BHS Conference Room - 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Rosa Fernandes and Joy Greenstein, BOE; Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Debbie Farias, Director of Instruction; Marc Balanda, Principal BHS; Deane Renda, Principal WMS; Aggie Burns, Curriculum Specialist for ELA, WMS; Kathleen Kryspin, ELA Teacher WMS

Maureen Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Aggie Burns and Kathleen Kryspin presented on the implementation and impact of the WMS grade 6, 7, & 8 Teachers College Reading Units of Study Pilot, which was approved by the Board of Education in fall 2017. Data, samples of student work and student impact, including student video commentary, were presented.

Dr. Ruby and Principal Balanda presented on Vocabulary Instruction K-12. The presentations included examples of how the professional learning on research-based vocabulary instruction that teachers engaged in this year was utilized to enhance classroom instruction in support of student learning.

Presentation by Marc Balanda, BHS Principal on a new text for AP Physics. The current text is outdated. There are limited texts aligned with AP Physics and endorsed by the College Board. All were reviewed. The vote in support of the adoption was unanimous in favor of adoption. The high school budget for 2018-19 is inclusive of the cost of purchase.

Presentation by Marc Balanda, BHS Principal regarding high school marching band program. The current marching band program has had decreasing enrollment over the past several years and currently has under 20 participants. In an effort to increase participation, Mr. St. Georges, the band director, has researched options employed by other districts. Mr. Balanda presented on the "Blast" format as used by districts such as the Amity District. Videos were presented to give examples of the types of activities and presentations/shows performed by students with the "Blast" paradigm. This format includes all the elements of the marching band; however, it is performed inside on a stage. Impressed by the opportunity to engage more students in band by employing the "Blast" format, CAPE voted unanimously to support the implementation of a "Blast" like approach to the marching band format at BHS.

Dr. Ruby announced that the survey for seeking parent and student input on an additional world language at BHS was completed and would be sent out from TSO in the coming week.

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Ruby