

Brunswick School Department
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MINUTES
Curriculum & Program Development Committee
Brunswick School Board
March 30, 2018
12:00 p.m.
Hawthorne Conference Room

Board Members Present: Corey Perreault; Teresa Gillis; Sarah Singer
Call to Order – 12:12 pm

Adjustments to the Agenda –

- Board member has received concerns around annotations as required in the ELA curriculum in every text at BHS
- New Curriculum Director (Shanna Crofton) will begin joining these meetings in April.

District-wide Curriculum Updates:

K-5 Literacy alignment of practice in Reading instruction (Readers' Workshop approach; not a "program", rather a collection of practices)

Goals/Priorities for Curriculum Committee this year:

- Music Curriculum – k12 alignment/maybe have performance for elementary schools by secondary students
- Social Studies / Humanities – Emphasize critical thinking / challenge the authority of textbooks / include diverse perspectives
- Health – concern around tracking food / BMI. Interested in current research on best practices.
- Equity/Diversity – overarching priority of conducting a curriculum audit for diversity of perspectives presented in lessons and in materials
- Talent Development Program (would like a different name for the program AND would like an update on program evaluation – this will be ready by end of school year).
- Levels vs Tracks – overarching goal to examine practices that illustrate a commitment to keeping levels permeable, encouraging kids to stretch, differentiation within leveled classes, making sure that students and families receive guidance around what is expected in each level, but are not discouraged from attempting a more challenging pathway.

Next Meeting Date April 30th at 12:00

Topics will include –

BHS SS Curriculum

BHS Zoology Curriculum

Check in on priorities

Adjournment: 2:00