

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

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

J. Vouros D. Ramsey A. Marks
J. Larkin A. Uberti

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
D. Ramsey second the motion
Approved the minutes from 1/11/22 meeting.

Public Participation: None

District Testing Update - A. Uberti

iReady

The iReady winter assessment testing window opens on January 31 and runs through February 8th. Students in grades 2 through 8 will be assessed in reading and math. The results of the assessment will provide the most valid and reliable information on student learning since prior to the pandemic. The results of the iReady, in conjunction with other test results, will help to further identify areas of growth and areas where more instruction is needed at the individual, class, grade and school levels.

NAEP

Students in grades 4 and 8 have been randomly selected by the CSDE to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessment. This test is also sometimes referred to as "The Nation's Report Card". Eighth graders at NMS will be tested on March 1st and 4 graders at Hawley on February 28th. The results are not provided to individuals or to districts but are part of the overall NAEP assessment results.

Smarter Balanced

Smarter Balanced testing will take place in reading and math for students in grades 3 through 8 between April 20 and May 6, followed by makeups. In addition, students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will be assessed in science on the NGSS assessment between March 30th and April 6th. The SAT School Day will be administered to all 11th graders on March 23.

Curriculum Presentation

Composition through Contemporary Issues, English II - A. Marks

Ms. Marks provided overviews of the newly revised courses.

Composition through Contemporary Issues is a semester course, offered as an elective at the CP and Honors level. It is a stand alone course. Beginning next year, it will be offered to juniors and seniors who have taken American Literature and American Studies.

English II is a year course. All sophomores take CP or Honors level. About two thirds of sophomores take the CP level and the remaining take the honors level.

Upcoming Kindergarten Orientation - A. Uberti

Prior to the pandemic Kindergarten Parent Orientation was held at Reed Intermediate School for all four elementary schools. Last year, *because* of the pandemic, a video presentation was shared via the website. This year, each elementary school will conduct their own parent night at each school. Presentations will be essentially the same; however, this format will allow parents to meet the staff and visit the school their child will be attending in the fall. Once all of the dates are finalized, the information will be posted on the district and school websites and a notice regarding Kindergarten registration will appear in the Newtown Bee.

Assistant Superintendent Update - A. Uberti

Ms. Uberti notified the Board that she will present a timeline for EduClimber implementation at a future meeting.

Public Participation: None

J. Vouros adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

D. Ramsey second the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Norling

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