

Newtown Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

D. Ramsey
J. Vouros

Erik Holst-Grubbe
Staci Stamm

Dana Manning
A. Uberti

Minutes from the Board of Education Subcommittee meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes from the 11/14/23 meeting.

D. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Public Participation: None

Curriculum Presentation: Architecture 2 – Erik Holst-Grubbe, Staci Stamm, Dana Manning

E. Holst-Grubbe has been teaching Architecture 2 for 9 years. There are 15 students in each of two classes and they range from ninth to twelfth grade.

Mr. Holst-Grubbe explained the biggest part is to capture student's interest individually. This is done through an independent project that all students work on throughout the semester. Examples of student work were incorporated into the presentation.

J. Vouros asked if middle school students are aware that these types of courses are available at the high school. Mr. Grubbe said they do get a large number of ninth graders in the class.

A. Uberti suggested that high school students could go to grade 7 and share course offerings, before students go to grade 8. By the time students go to grade 8 their decisions have been made, having students introduced to courses in grade 7 would let them know of options they have at the high school. See Link below for Architecture 2 Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DuGb1C1AydCTX_O-Mw02aVmRIAvg2C373XxgvRbiNjo/edit?usp=sharing_eil_se_dm&ts=65661de9

Assistant Superintendent-Updates

It is expected that the Board will vote on Tuesday, December 5th, whether to offer a Kindergarten readiness class next year for students who will fall in the age gap due to the recent change in the law. The next step will be to get the information out to parents.

Public Participation – None

J. Vouros adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

D. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Norling

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