

Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on November 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room 1.

J. Vouros M. Ku J. Evans Davila J. LaRosa M. Michaud

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

J. Vouros made a motion to approve the minutes from October 28, 2016. M. Ku seconded

Public Participation: None

J. LaRosa and M. Michaud shared information pertaining to Physical Education and Project Adventure courses being held at NMS. The PA rotation began on October 31st and will last approximately 3 weeks per class. Each PA class has been working toward goal setting, problem solving and various challenges presented to them. As the students work towards more difficult challenges, they are learning building skills which allow them to take on higher elements in the spring. The Project Adventure theme is “challenge by choice” and it is up to the student to decide how much they want to take that risk. Students are assessed on their work, both individually and as a team, by using a PA Class Rubric and an Individual Self-Assessment Rubric. It has been noted that those who do not do well in Physical Education classes have gained confidence through Project Adventure and are more comfortable returning to PE.

During this same time students in PE are finishing up fitness testing and beginning a 3 week fitness unit, which includes various cardio and muscular strengthening activities. Currently there are four PE teachers that have rotated into Project Adventure focused classes for two separate weeks.

The first three week Project Adventure rotation is currently underway with the remaining three teachers rotating into PA through the winter months. The goal of this department is to soon meet with Reed and NHS staff to discuss vertical alignment in the curriculum plan.

Discussion regarding upcoming topics for the C and I Subcommittee included , November 22, 2016, L. Rodrigue SAT data and December 9, 2016 ELA Self-Study update.

Public Participation: None

J. Vouros motioned to adjourn. M. Ku seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Schaedler

These are draft minutes and subject to approval by the C and I Subcommittee