

Board of Education  
Newtown, CT  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes of the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on November 10, 2015, in the Board of Education Conference Room, 3 Primrose Street.

M. Ku

J. Vouros

J. Evans Davila

M. Ku called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: M. Ku moved to approve the minutes of October 30, 2015. J. Vouros seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public participation: None.

J. Evans Davila introduced S. Bisset, to the committee, to share a parent perspective of k-12 Math. S. Bisset's suggestions and statements are as follow:

- Be aware that my remarks are a parent perspective of what we are seeing with our children
- Examine what transitions took place in ushering in the Common Core at all grade levels
- We need an explanation of tiered interventions that addresses the following aspects
  - What it is
  - Why it occurs
  - How it occurs
  - Where it occurs
- Such explanations must be communicated in a standard way to parents that is free from educational jargon
- Parent must be responsible in being involved as partners with the teachers in the process of helping their children
  - Sharing information from the teacher perspective and the parent perspective
  - Frequent communication and meetings between a parent of struggling student and the child's teacher

J. Evans Davila provided an update on Curriculum Council's progress with drafting a rubric for curriculum evaluation. The Curriculum Council has met and reviewed key elements of the rubric's format. The rubric will be worked on during meetings in which new curricula is not scheduled to be reviewed; for example, the Curriculum Council's next meeting on December 15 is dedicated to the review of the upcoming BEAT courses. Therefore, the next time the Council will work on the draft of the rubric will be during the January meeting. Curriculum review must remain the priority task of the Curriculum Council.

An Executive Summary will continue to be provided to the BOE, as was instituted at the last BOE Meeting, along with any curriculum that is to be considered for BOE approval.

The New Program Application Form was revised to read NEW PROGRAM/PILOT and RESEARCH PROJECT APPLICATION with the intention to correspond with the DRAFT proposed Policy for Pilot Programs and Research Projects (to replace 8-205). The Draft of the Policy for Pilot Programs and Research Projects will be forwarded to Dr. Erardi for his review and subsequent discussion with the Policy Committee.

Recommendations were discussed for the upcoming agenda for the C & I Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for November 24, 2015.

J. Vouros motioned to adjourn. M. Ku seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Schaedler

***These are draft minutes and are subject to the approval of the Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee.***