

Newtown Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

J. Larkin	R. Kiely	A. Deeb	F. Purcaro
D. Ramsey	R. Eberts	K. Longobucco	A. Uberti

J. Larkin called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

D. Ramsey moved to approve the minutes from the 1/25/2022 meeting.

J. Larkin seconded the motion.

Public Participation: None

Presentation: Economics – R. Kiely, A. Deeb, K. Longobucco

R. Kiely presented an overview of the newly revised Economics course. This course covers fundamental economics, resources, economic structure, market structure, and also different economic systems.

R. Kiely presented the units of Economics:

- Fundamentals of Economics
- Demand
- Supply
- Markets and Market Interference
- Comparative Economic Systems
- American Business, Finance, and Investment

This curriculum will be presented to the Board of Education for a first read on February 15, 2022.

Presentation: World Religions – R. Eberts, A. Deeb, K. Longobucco

R. Eberts began the presentation of the World Religions by sharing that the first thing addressed with students in the course is the legality of studying religion in a public school and

how the content must be taught using the 3-part test: impersonal academic study, goal is always education and never indoctrination. In this course, every unit is taught through the same lens, identity. The first unit helps students answer the question, “What is Religion?” and prepares them for the following units of study:

Judaism

Christianity

Islam

Hinduism

Buddhism

Students participate in a culminating activity that asks them to reformulate the answer to the first unit question so that they can reflect on how their understanding of religion has changed a result of this course.

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Presentation: Serving Our ELL Population Update – F. Purcaro

F. Purcaro provided an overview of the support that is in place for English-language learners and their families:

Presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/180Pb0Mt4qz772R0t4ultbsZtHU4vi8JH/view?usp=sharing>

Public Participation: None

J. Larkin adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

D. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Norling

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