

Newtown Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on March 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the BOE Conference Room.

J. Vouros M. Ku J. Evans Davila D. Petersen B. Nichols

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

Public participation: none

J. Vouros made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting. M. Ku seconded, noting the elimination in the minutes regarding the request to obtain the numbers of students from NMS who were eligible last year to enroll in the STEM Freshman Partnership for Advanced Learning. B. Nichols, NHS Guidance Counselor, offered to obtain this information and will forward it to M. Ku.

D. Petersen and B. Nichols presented to the committee the role of school counselors within the district. Caseload ratio is approximately 1:180 at the middle school and slightly higher at the high school level.

Counselors interact with students in many different ways throughout the year and for many different reasons. Newtown Middle School cluster teachers discuss weekly students' needs, concerns and overall performance. Newtown High School's award-winning school counseling department has various means of meeting with their students throughout the year. Counselors meet students through workshops, advisory groups, course requests, and planning for transition. All counselors are available throughout the school day to meet with students if needed.

Updates: none

Public participation: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Schaedler

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