

Newtown Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction meeting held March 2, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the BOE Conference Room.

J. Vouros

M. Ku

J. Evans-Davila

L. Rodrigue

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

J. Vouros made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2017 meeting. M.Ku seconded.

Public participation: none

L. Rodrigue gave an update on the launch and implementation of the STEM Freshman Partnership for Advanced Learning. There are currently 30 students involved in the program with an average grade of 96. The students are taking three courses together (Math, Science and Introduction to Engineering Design). At the same time, they remain in their regular math and science courses. It is felt that the class has formed a partnership/academy that will be moving forward to their sophomore year. Currently, 8th grade students are being made aware of Freshman Partnership for Advanced Learning and counselors will soon to be meeting with those who meet the program requirements. The STEM application is available for all incoming eighth graders who are in Honors Biology, Honors Algebra II and have an interest in Engineering. This is an elective course therefore students do not have to remain in the program for four years.

L. Rodrigue announced that Project Adventure is on track and moving forward. The program will be utilized by all classes at the high school. Some courses will be infused in the Physical Education and Health Curriculum and there will also be students who will be taking it as a leadership elective.

M. Gerace and J. O'Connell will be invited to attend an upcoming C and I meeting to provide more detailed information on Project Adventure .

Public participation: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Schaedler

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

