

Board of Education
Newtown, CT
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes of the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on October 30, 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 13, 2015. J. Vouros seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Participation: none

M. Ku motioned that we endorse a revised pilot program policy based on the Wilton Public School Policy 6172.5 with revisions as noted that are specific to Newtown.

The committee drafted proposal suggestions for the revision of Newtown Pilot Projects BOE policy 8-205 are as follows:

- Paragraph 1 Stays as is
- Paragraph 2 Lines 4 and 5 the word “anyone” must read “any one”
- Paragraph 3 Approval by the BOE and /or the Superintendent shall be based on documented need, available research on program effectiveness, alignment with core beliefs and mission on the Newtown Public Schools, collaboration with building-based leadership and BOE Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee, in proposal development stage, staffing and student selection implications, projected costs for planning and future implementation, and program evaluation criteria. The forgoing shall be outlined, in writing, for the Superintendent of Schools and the BOE.
- Paragraph 4 Suggested change would be; A report of all research projects and pilot programs being carried on within the school system shall be provide to the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee and BOE once a year.

M. Ku motioned to endorse the suggestions for revision of Newtown’s Pilot Project BOE Policy 8-205 and to forward them to Dr. Erardi for review. J. Vouros seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

M. Ku shared an update on class size comparison data, DRG B, from last year to this year noting a slight decrease in the 2015 enrollment .

The review procedures for the new textbook adoption form, new program application and pilot programs was discussed. It was recommended that the Textbook Adoption Form be brought to the Curriculum Council Committee for review and a revised format be sent back to the C & I Subcommittee.

J. Davila is currently in the process of reviewing the current status of a Pathway to Science presentation to the BOE on K-12 Science in mid-winter.

Public Participation: none

Adjourned at 11:50

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Schaedler