

Newtown Board of Education
Newtown, Connecticut
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes from the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, in the BoE Conference Room.

M. Ku A. Uberti
J. Vouros

J. Vouros called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2019 meeting.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Public Participation: None.

Mrs. Uberti presented status updates on the following:

NGSS Status Update

- Team of Newtown Science Leaders will attend the NSTA Conference in Boston
- NMS is participating in PD and pilot of a possible new Science resource called Discovery Science Tech Book
- Science leaders from K-12 sitting in PD to consider applicability to their level
- Planning for on-going professional development experiences for our teachers; especially needed at NHS
- Science Committee will focus on engineering practices this year by reviewing benchmark tasks and assessments for vertical alignment

PD Plan for November 5th

- Professional development for all certified staff will take place at the high school on November 5th
- There will be a variety of sessions, most offered by teachers for teachers
- C&I Subcommittee members requested a follow-up to the Board following the day

District-wide Assessment Plan

- Revised district-wide assessment plan being implemented to ensure common testing windows
- Considering differentiating who takes the NWEA in the spring to provide some relief of testing in that particular window
- Asst. Superintendent along with the Director of Teaching and Learning are examining what assessments are given and how collected assessment data is used to drive instruction

SEL Update

- Working to ensure consistent implementation of Second Step K-8
- Utilizing identified Second Step lessons at Reed
- Working on consistent universal lesson adoption at the Middle School
- Full Value Contract has been successfully launched at Reed
- Discussion of pulling Full Value Contract through Middle School into High School
- Panorama SEL Survey will be administered again this year. The Committee is looking at other possible assessment
- Considering future training options for Restorative Practices

Public Participation: None.

J. Vouros adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

M. Ku seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Norling

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