

Board of Education  
Newtown, CT  
Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

Minutes of the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee meeting held on February 9, 2016, BOE Conference Room, 3 Primrose Street.

J. Vouros                  M. Ku                  J. Evans Davila

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

Motion: J. Vouros moved to approve the minutes of both January 7, 2015 and January 26, 2016.

M.Ku seconded the motion noting a correction was needed to correct the year in the dateline to read January 7, 2016.

Public participation: none

Revisions to the proposed policy for Pilot Programs and Research Projects, as suggested by the Policy Committee, were discussed. The following changes and format will be resubmitted to Dr. Erardi for next steps in bringing the revision to the Policy Committee for review.

**Revision of Paragraph 2**

Before the implementation of any research project or pilot program within the Newtown schools, the approval of the BOE Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee shall be required. Research projects and pilot programs are defined as those which do not affect

- Total educational program;
- Program of the total grade level;
- Total grade level of any one school; or
- Program of the total department of any one school.

**Revision of Paragraph 3**

The Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee's approval shall be based upon

- Documented need;
- Available research on program effectiveness;
- Alignment with core beliefs and mission of the Newtown Public Schools;
- Collaboration with building-based leadership and the Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee during the proposal development stage;
- Staffing and student selection implications;

- Projected costs for planning and future implementation; and
- Program evaluation criteria.

The foregoing shall be outlined in writing and presented to the BOE Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee, which shall provide notice to the Board of Education.

#### **Revision of Paragraph 4**

A report of all research projects and pilot programs being carried on within the schools shall be provided to the BOE Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee and the Board of Education for a review of progress, with a final determination of next steps after one year of implementation.

J. Davila gave an update on the Assessment Workshop that was held on January 28, 2016 with 22 members representing all buildings and grades in core subject areas. The group was able to produce an assessment inventory matrix in digital format to examine our current assessment program and its utility. Follow-up meetings in the form of an after school committee will be scheduled to identify recommendations for the 2016-2017 school year.

Public participation: none

Suggested upcoming agenda item for February 23, 2016: Update on Reed and Middle School Math/Math Plus program.

J. Vouros motioned to adjourn. M. Ku seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Schaedler

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

