



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Curriculum Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills Avenue Board Room, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue ,  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
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3. New Business
  - A. Smarter Balanced Results  
B. Silver
  - B. New Academic Targets for 2016-2018  
B. Silver
4. Adjournment



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CURRIUCLUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
Bloomfield Board of Education  
1133 Blue Hills Avenue  
Board Room

**ATTENDANCE:** M. Walters, Chair Present  
H. Frydman Present  
R. Ike Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Thompson W. Casper L. Mara  
D. Harris W. Guzman S. McCann  
M. Williams Q. Johnson S. Simpson  
B. Silver E. Stoltz W. Joslyn

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

M.R. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 2. A. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – March 31, 2015

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by R. Ike for the Curriculum Committee to approve the meeting minutes from March 31, 2015, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### 3. A. 2015 Annual Climate and Satisfaction Survey Results

Dr. Bethany Silver, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Research, will be sharing a Power Point presentation the results from the Annual Climate and Satisfaction Survey. Dr. Silver this survey aligns with district Priority #3, Positive School Climate.

The purpose, process and payoff are noted on page 2 of the presentation document. The Climate and Satisfaction Survey invites staff, families and students in grade 5 to 12 to respond to an online questionnaire about their schools. This survey provides information about what the community thinks about the learning environment in their schools and initiates data-based conversations about the school community.

The survey was administered between January 5, 2015 and March 30, 2015.

The survey measures responses from the three groups and to questions in alignment with the District Accountability Plan: (1) Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, (2) Positive School Climate, and (3) Family and Community Engagement.



Page 6 of the presentation shows the district results for student responses. Overall, 83% of students answered favorably to the Academics, Teaching and Learning, 79% to

Extended Learning Experiences which includes after-school and summer programs, 73% to Safety, Climate and Satisfaction and 74% to Welcoming Schools.

Dr. Silver shared the District Family Responses and Staff Responses for the same categories. 97% of families answered favorably to the Academics, Teaching and Learning, 87% to Extended Learning Experiences which includes after-school and summer programs, 81% to Safety, Climate and Satisfaction and 95% to Welcoming Schools. On Slide 8, Dr. Silver stated 96% of staff answered favorably to the Academics, Teaching and Learning, 95% to Extended Learning Experiences which includes after-school and summer programs, 89% to Safety, Climate and Satisfaction and 95% to Welcoming Schools.

Slide 9 shows the participation results since 2011. Dr. Silver noted that 26% or more participation can be used as a generalization about a population. In 2012-2013 there is a decrease in family and staff participation because they changed the vendor in this year. The outside vendor is responsible for tracking all the data. In addition, this year they opened the survey to all staff, not just certified teachers. The district wanted input from all staff as all adults influence the school environment.

Slides 10-12 reviewed the overall strengths were: (1) Academics, Teaching and Learning questions, (2) Safety and Climate questions and (3) Welcoming Schools questions. The observations and implications indicated that since adopting the new vendor in 2013, participation has improved. Participation increased 10% since using both paper and online surveys in 2014-2015. Further observations show that overall student responses trend lower than families and staff. The highest reported satisfaction is reported with Academics, Teaching and Learning.

The District Climate Steering Committee will meet to plan positive climate events for the schools as directed by the survey. Usually this is done in August, but since the data is available they will start a plan that will give them direction.

It was noted by the Board Members that there is often a lot about the safety of a school environment that adults are not always aware of such as bullying or harassment. These often are under the radar and may attribute to the variance in student responses. Mr. Frydman suggested they add an area to write in comments or needs for improvement.

Dr. Silver noted that the school Climate Specialists will also review the data and provided suggested improvements.

Ms. McCann noted that the schools have been implementing programs to raise awareness about bullying and mean-spirited behavior. The schools currently maintain a bullying log.



#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:49 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

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M. Walters, Chair