



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Curriculum Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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
  - A. Approval of Minutes - Curriculum Committee Meeting - October 27, 2015 2  
M. Walters
3. Presentations
  - A. Early Start 2016  
A.M. Cullinan
4. New Business
  - A. NEASC Update - Bloomfield High School  
S. McCann
5. Adjournment



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CURRIUCLUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 6:30 P.M.  
Bloomfield Board of Education  
1133 Blue Hills Avenue  
Board Room

**ATTENDANCE:** M. Walters, Chair Present *arrived at 6:39 p.m.*  
H. Frydman Present  
R. Ike Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Thompson W. Joslyn E. Pierce  
D. Harris W. Guzman S. McCann  
S. Braun Q. Johnson S. Simpson  
B. Silver R. Coleman-Mitchell M. Williams

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

H. Frydman called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 2. A. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – September 29, 2015

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman for the Curriculum Committee to approve the meeting minutes from September 29, 2015, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### 3. A. Global Experience Magnet School Expansion - Update

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented an update on the Global Experience Magnet School expansion project. The document presented was prepared by Dr. Thompson for a meeting with Commissioner Wentzell on October 23, 2015. It was well received by the Commissioner and her team.

The document included an overview of theme for the K-5 magnet program. The theme will focus on global citizenship and will be linked to the Higher Order Thinking (HOT) approach. The curriculum will include the core subject areas, as well as, technology, physical education, character education, performing and visual arts. The third page shows a projection of enrollment with an initial roll-out of grades K-2 in 2016-2017. Each of these grades would enroll 60 students (total 180 students). Additional grades would be added each subsequent year.

A location for the program is still being determined. A building located diagonal from Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) was evaluated however may not be financially feasible. Mr. Casper will continue conversations with the owner or the



building. Another possibility for consideration is the building that was previously occupied by CREC Aerospace.

It was inquired by a board member if the theme is comparable to other schools. It was noted that this magnet school theme is not in competition with other magnet schools in the area. It will serve as a bridge between Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School (WECMS) and GEMS.

Mr. Walters inquired what towns are associated with WECMS and GEMS. The information will be provided to the board members.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **4. A. STEM Conference - Report**

Bloomfield was one of three school districts that participated in the STEM conference at the CT Science Center on Monday, October 5, 2015. This conference, attended by thirteen of our district educators, was focused on preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The conference explored and discussed classroom ideas and innovations for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) curricula. It was a day-long professional development opportunity sponsored by the University of Hartford.

Educators participated in workshops based on how to support our students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Based on the course offerings, the feedback from our staff was phenomenal.

It was also mentioned by a board member that *Girls Who Code* is another program that incorporates math concepts with computer science. Ms. McCann stated they have connected with a local organization regarding coding and the district is in the pre-planning phase with the community to entertain this concept.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:02 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