



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Curriculum Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, October 25, 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 - September 27, 2016 2  
M. Walters
3. Presentations
  - A. 2016 Annual Climate and Satisfaction Survey Results
  - B. Silver
4. Old Business
  - A. Report on Summer Programs 2016  
A.M. Cullinan and S. McCann
5. Adjournment



**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Thompson W. Guzman S. McCann  
B. Silver A.M. Cullinan E. Pierce  
W. Joslyn S. Simpson D. Harris  
N. Campagna (*intern*)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

M. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. A. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – May 24, 2016**

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman for the Curriculum Committee to approve the meeting minutes from May 24, 2016, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. A. 2016 Performance Results**

Dr. Bethany Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance shared a presentation on the 2016 Performance Results. These results include the Smarter Balanced Math and Literacy for grades 3-8, the CT Science examination for grades 5 and 8, the SAT Math and Literacy for high school and the CT Science examination for grade 10.

Dr. Silver first reviewed the terminology of the achievement levels for each examination.

Slide 4 showed a comparison of the 2015 and 2016 performance results for student in grades 3-8. All content areas showed growth. Dr. Silver also shared the results for the SAT Math and Literacy and the high school science examination.

The district achievement target for all content areas in grades 3-8 is 80%. This target refers to the percentage of students meeting grade level standards by 2018. For the SAT examination and high school science, reaching the projected target of 80% is expected by year 2021 (5 year target).



Mr. Harris noted that the district shows math as a challenge area and asked how the district proposes they are going to achieve the target of 80%. Dr. Thompson acknowledged it is an ambitious goal and stated they have reviewed curriculum to align instruction to the standards and continue to provide professional development to ensure the proficiency of our educators.

Mrs. Cullinan stated the teachers have rewritten the units of study in math and are focused on math practices that transcend all content areas. They have also incorporated a new program GoMath that uses both technology and math problems.

Ms. McCann also noted the district has made several visitations to other schools and will continue to provide professional development to teachers and administrators.

Dr. Thompson shared there has been a paradigm change in the content of the math examination such that it is no longer procedural and it is now conceptual. Students are required to provide viable arguments to defend their data.

Mr. Johnson inquired if the district has considered incorporating math logic and computation such as programming and coding for students. Ms. McCann noted that these concepts are incorporated in the Extended Day Learning Opportunity. The theme of the program is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics).

### **3. B. Review for the NEASC Visitation – October 2, 2016**

Ms. Stacey McCann, Assistant Superintendent of School Improvement and Intervention shared with the committee members an overview of the NEASC visitation. She included some sample questions that may be asked of the board members and reviewed the core values of Bloomfield High School.

The evaluation team will be meeting with members of the board on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Harris noted that he will emphasize the Board's Theory of Action and that their role in supporting the leadership of the superintendent.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:16 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

---

M. Walters, Chair