



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Curriculum Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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
M. Walters
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Curriculum Committee Meeting - January 23, 2018 2
M. Walters
3. Presentations
 - A. Early Start and Summer Academy Planning Update
A.M. Cullinan and S. McCann
4. Adjournment
M. Walters



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

ATTENDANCE: M. Walters, Chair Absent
D. Bolton Present
R. Ike Present
D. Harris *ex-officio* Present

ALSO PRESENT: B. Silver W. Guzman S. McCann
A.M. Cullinan W. Joslyn E. Pierce
S. Simpson L. Eells R. Ike
D. Bolton W. Shepard-Bannish

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Harris 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 26, 2017

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton for the Curriculum Committee to approve the meeting minutes from September 26, 2017, as presented.

D. Bolton Abstain
R. Ike Aye
D. Harris Aye

The motion was passed 2-0-1.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3. A. STEM Town: A Collective Impact Initiative

Stacey McCann, Chief Academic Officer shared a presentation on the new STEM initiative with Tech Trek. Ms. McCann introduced Marlon Lindsay and Derick Miner.

Mr. Lindsay shared information on their organization and initiative to improve STEM education by incorporating all stakeholders in the education of children. He stated that we need to prepare children with 21st century skills as there is a high demand for STEM related careers.

The goal of the STEM Town Model is to increase the pool of students choosing to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math careers, particularly girls and students of color. Tech Trep provides a software program to expose children to STEM activities and collaborates with stakeholder organizations.



One board member inquired what is Teck Trep's program and is it for all ages. Mr. Lindsay stated that their software program is a project based approach and is geared for students in grades 4-8. The program is flexible so that it can be incorporated in-school, out-of-school or during extended day. He noted that their company is just one part of the continuum for educating children in STEM.

Ms. McCann shared that the district is in the process of embedding the science standards for PreK through grade 12 and the district is in the discussion phase of the STEM Town initiative.

3. B. Special Education Program

Anne Marie Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist and Wendy Shepard-Bannish, Director of Student Support Services presented a proposal for an in-district special education program.

Recent data shows an increase of students with special education needs, in Bloomfield and throughout the state. There are currently thirty out-placed students in district. Mrs. Shepard-Bannish stated they are seeing higher numbers of young students with behavioral needs. This program is an attempt to address those needs by creating a trauma sensitive school.

The program will be sensitive to children of diverse abilities and backgrounds. The program will service:

- Bloomfield Public School students in Grades K-8 who need an alternative setting due to diagnosis, childhood trauma, and adverse childhood experiences
- Students from other districts with similar characteristics on a tuition basis.

The school day schedule will differ from the intermediate and middle school. The staff and students will be carefully selected for this program.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22 p.m., a motion was made by D. Harris and seconded by R. Ike to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

M. Walters, Committee Chair