



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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
H. Frydman
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Curriculum Committee Meeting - March 28, 2023 2
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3. New Business
 - A. Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program - Overview
D. Nesmith and I. Glassman
4. Adjournment
H. Frydman



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Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: H. Frydman, Chair Absent
R. Ike Present
F. Bogle-Assegai Present
D. Harris, *ex-officio* Present

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman D. Nesmith
J. Titelbaum A.M. Cullinan L. Lamenzo
L. Easmon J. Wilkerson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Donald Harris, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – Curriculum Committee – January 24, 2023

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Curriculum Committee to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2023, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wintonbury Historical Society Partnership

Anne Marie Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist introduced Halesteen Graham-Days and Ronald Marchetti from the Wintonbury Historical Society. The Wintonbury Historical Society will be partnering with Bloomfield Public Schools to bring local history to the school district.

The Bloomfield Public Schools has met with the Historical Society on several occasions to see how they can collaborate. Several ideas has been for the historical volunteers to provide presentations relative to the curriculum, share resources such as periodicals or newsletters, and to train students to become docents at the Old School House. The committee will continue to meet and develop a timeline for this collaboration.

L. Easmon inquired if the collaboration will only target high school students. It was noted that presently the secondary schools are the focus, but long-term the partnership is intended to expand to all grades. It was also noted that the Wintonbury Historical Society is comprised of all volunteers.

F. Bogle-Assegai stated she was impressed with this partnership.



B. Literacy Academy at Laurel Elementary School

Desi Nesmith, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance and Lisa Lamenzo, Director of School Improvement shared a presentation on the Laurel Literacy Academy. They introduced several committee members including Jennifer Dwyer, Principal at Laurel Elementary School, Lynne Dumas, Grade One Teacher and Mayelin Jimenez, Parent from Laurel Elementary School.

The Laurel Literacy Academy is a restructuring of the curriculum, professional learning, and partnerships focused on literacy so that Bloomfield students are reading on level by grade 3. To date, a Literacy Academy Steering committee has been developed and the Literacy Scan has been selected and conducted by all Laurel staff. The Literacy Scan is a tool that allows the district to assess current literacy practices with a system, while identifying successes and growth areas to inform next level of work.

The Laurel Literacy Steering Committee members shared an implementation plan, with a timeline and action steps. The committee will continue to meet to make actionable steps such as professional development, expanding partnerships and producing a consistent instructional framework. A timeline extending through 2024-2025 was shared with the committee.

L. Easmon noted she liked the example of student pen pals. She also suggested they bring in more volunteer opportunities like Read Across America.

A.M. Cullinan also noted Ms. Dwyer is participating in the UCONN PreK-3 Leadership Program.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:09 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Frydman, Chair