

NOTICE OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting
Monday, March 26, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Room F1
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

School Committee Members

- Fran Lartigue, Co-Chair
- Bonnie Silvers
- David Travis

District Office

- Beth Regulbuto, Superintendent of Schools
- Kerry Burke, Co-Chair

Unable to Attend:

- Robert Law, School Committee
- Chris Regan District Business Administrator

Audience Members: Principal Mary Turo and Student Services Director Sandra Hubbard

1. Co-Chair Fran Lartigue called the **meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.**
2. Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the minutes from February 2, 2018; Dave Travis seconded this motion. The committee voted to approve unanimously.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Agenda Items Reordered:** Kerry Burke asked Co-Chair Fran Lartigue to call a motion to reserve the order of address for items # 3 (Update on the transition Curriculum and Professional Development Coordinator/Director) and #4 Update on the status of the Middle School Task Force. Ms. Silvers called for the motion; Mr. Travis seconded it. The committee voted to approve this item reversal unanimously.
 - b. **MSTF Update:** Ms. Burke reviewed the handout summarizing the task force feedback generated by members at the March 1, 2018 meeting (see Attachment # 1.) Supt. Regulbuto stated that based on this feedback along with other information from many stakeholders as well as families waiting to know that status of this move for their children in grade 5 at UME, she believed we were not yet ready to transition Grade 6 students from UME to Mount Everett for SY 2018-19. Therefore, Supt. Regulbuto announced we would not be transitioning Grade 6 to MERS for the fall 2018. She

asserted this reconfiguration is important for our middle level students, and we must do it well from the initial rollout. Mr. Travis, Ms. Silvers, and Ms. Lartigue expressed support for Supt. Regulbuto's decision to postpone this move for one year and discussion ensued around the table. Members suggested the best means of continuing the MSTF and the collective efforts of its members to develop an implementation plan with Ms. Burke's oversight during April and May to share with the new Curriculum Director. The next meeting of the MSTF is tentatively Wednesday, April 11, 2018. In addition, the committee members said they, too, wished to have this transition launched as a sound educational initiative and not defined a budget or money-based need. There was some concern that the administration would need to address the disappointment that some stakeholders may be feeling due to this postponement. Supt. Regulbuto stated this is a three-year plan for a complete implementation. Committee members agreed that even with a one-year delay for this transition, we can have some resources in place for a strong start in fall of SY 2018-19 and a complete program for fall of SY 2019-20 if we continue the work of the task force. Supt. Regulbuto concluded that we want the best possible support and preparation for our educators during this transition and ultimately for our middle level students.

4. New Business:

- a. **Transition of Curriculum Coordinator/Director:** Supt. Regulbuto shared some of the details and timeline for hiring process for the new Curriculum Director. We have posted this position on School Spring and our website, closing on April 4, 2018. Supt. Regulbuto will share an update on the status at the School Committee meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018. Ms. Burke is leaving in early June 2018. A plan was suggested to provide compensated time for overlap between Ms. Burke and the incoming Curriculum Director.
- b. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Curriculum Subcommittee was not set at this meeting. The suggestion was to wait until after the April 11th MSTF meeting and April 12th School Committee meeting.

5. Adjourn:

Ms. Lartigue asked that we moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Silvers offered the motion; Mr. Travis seconded it. The committee voted unanimously to **adjourn at 11:58 a.m.**