

NOTICE OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting
Friday, February 02, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Room F1
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

School Committee Members: Fran Lartigue, Co-Chair, Genis Melendez-Delaney, Robert Law, Bonnie Silvers, David Travis

District Office: Kerry Burke, Co-Chair, Chris Regan

Unable to Attend: Beth Regulbuto, Superintendent of Schools

Audience Members: Principal Mary Turo, Principal Glenn Devoti, School Committee Dennis Sears, Jesse Carpenter, Mike Farmer, Regan Morency, Asha Von Ruden, Senta Reis, Sarah Siket, and student Marya Makuc

1. Co-Chair Fran Lartigue called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.
2. Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the minutes from November 08, 2017; Bob Law seconded this motion. The committee voted to approve unanimously. Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the minutes from December 05, 2017; Ms. Silvers seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve. See minutes attached.
3. Old Business:
 - a. MSTF: Kerry Burke presented an update on the Middle School Task Force. Inclement weather cancelled the initial meeting in January, rescheduling it to Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 3:15 PM in the MERS Library with a snow date of Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Ms. Silvers proposed that we post the meeting to comply with MA Open Meeting Laws to ensure that any interested party could attend, including School Committee members. Audience member Senta Reis asked questions of Ms. Burke about the objectives of the Task Force, including our expected outcomes and the timeframe for any move of grade 6 from UME to Mount Everett and the supports for educators and students to ensure the success of this reconfiguration. Jesse Carpenter asked that the March 7 Task Force meeting be changed to accommodate a conflict with the middle school field trip to Washington, D.C. given a number of participants would be away as chaperones. Ms. Burke noted the request, agreeing to put it on the agenda for the first meeting.
4. New Business
 - a. Grade 5 Capstone: Elementary Principal Mary Turo presented details about a pilot this year initiated by the Grade 5 Team for a Capstone Project. The Grade 5 Team based this Capstone on the Genius Hours model from an *Edutopia* article with a presentation of projects scheduled for a June 2018. The committee members offered suggestions to Principal Turo for planning to expand and support this Capstone next year, including dedicated common planning time beginning now, professional development, necessary resources, and publicity to parents and the community.

- b. Khan Academy: Various School Committee members at the table and from the audience engaged in a discussion about the details of Dave Travis's offer to host an optional afterschool information session for SBRSD teachers who have questions about the online learning platform Khan Academy. The discussion ended with a possible offering done offsite at the Sheffield Library at a date to be determined.
 - c. Multiple-Year Curriculum and Integrated Professional Development Plan: Ms. Burke shared that Superintendent Regulbuto has asked for a multiple-year, district-wide curriculum and related professional development plan including a survey out to educators as part of its development. Ms. Silvers recommended that department heads from the secondary level be included in this process.
 - d. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Curriculum Subcommittee is Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 10:30 AM in F-1.
5. Adjourn:

Fran Lartigue moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Silvers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.