

Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 9:00 AM Location: F-1

Members Present: Fran Lartigue, Bonnie Silvers, Genis Melendez-Delaney, Bob Law, Beth Regulbuto, Chris Regan and Kerry Burke

Absent: David Travis

Guests: Jesse Carpenter, Neal Barbieri and Tim Schwartz

Housekeeping:

- Co-chair Fran Lartigue called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- Fran moved to approve October 16, 2017, meeting minutes; Bonnie Silvers seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Old Business:

MCAS 2017

- Beth and Kerry presented an in-depth review of District MCAS 2017 data. Their emphasis was that this one data point only. Next-Generation MCAS testing for 2-17 is in Year 1. Testing results should be a seen baseline in this first year of this version of statewide testing.
- Review and discussion ensued of statewide results in grade K-8 ELA and math as compared to District results.

MS Model Planning

- Beth opened with the intent of introducing a middle school model that addresses both middle-level students' needs and District priorities.
- She wants to ensure that this model engages students in grades 6-7-8 in a rigorous, challenging, experiential, and developmentally appropriate model. She also wants a dual focus on the academic and social/emotional needs of these students to be the foundation of our planning.
- This process would include a transition of grade 6 from Undermountain Elementary to Mount Everett in a grade 6-7-8 configuration for SY 2018-19.
- Discussion ensued around the table with input from members and guests.
- Members were supportive of this plan; guests present from the middle school suggested that they are ready to move forward on this.

Next Steps--

To create a school focused on the needs of young adolescents in grades 6-7-8, we plan to:

1. Make the grade 6 transition and revision of the middle school model at Mount Everett part of Beth's Superintendent Entry Plan, slated for December 2017-January 2018.
2. Develop a comprehensive plan that details what the middle school model would look like in the context of grades 6-7-8 at Mount Everett by:
 - a. Creating a study committee coordinated by Kerry with deadlines and outcomes.
 - b. Including one member of this subcommittee among the membership.
 - c. Inviting other stakeholders from the District to be on this study committee.
 - d. Addressing all aspects of needs in this comprehensive plan.
 - e. Having the coordinator report to Beth with updates.
3. Rollout this study committee's purpose and task at the School Committee meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018.
4. Include as a standing item on all School Committee meeting agendas to provide updates for the duration of this planning process.

Curriculum Writing and Coaching Implications

- In the interest of time, the committee tabled this item for discussion at a future meeting.

Date for the Next Meeting

- This committee scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 9:30 AM in Room F-1

Adjournment

- At 11:40 AM, Fran moved to adjourn the meeting. Genis seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor.