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 seen as a baseline in this first year of this version of statewide testing.
- Review and discussion ensured 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.