

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Curriculum Meeting held on October 06, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, T. Yonsky, M. Rutledge

R. Renner, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman

Mr. Scott Clayton

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen - Alternate

1. ELA Curriculum Revisions

Dr. Brooks introduced teachers, Jen Taranovich, Kara DiBartolo, and Mary Fernand who reviewed the curriculum revisions with the committee.

Kara DiBartolo, presented an overview of the K-5 revisions that were made. Revised Writing Rubric to better align with the CCSS and the 6 traits of writing. Mrs. DiBartolo reviewed curriculum maps, rubrics, and gave examples. Grades 4-5 did a lot of work in revising the essential questions. Aligned standards to instructional strategies. Grade 6-8 revised and created curriculum and formative and summative assessments. Revised rubrics to align with the Connecticut's Core Standards.

Mary Fernand presented an overview of the 9-12 curriculum revision process. Looked at last year's data. Revised the essentials questions and key objectives and drafted a curriculum map. Refined the gradual release of responsibility model and scaffolding to support student progress.

2. Social Studies Curriculum Revisions

Tabled to next meeting in November.

3. World Languages Curriculum Revisions

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Ms. Taranovich informed the committee the teachers were able to vertically align the curriculum. 8th Grade Spanish Accelerated Program - All assessments and projects were updated and revised, focusing on rigor in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. All of the assessments are now completed and linked to the maps. 8th Grade French Accelerated Program - BHS collaborated directly with the 8th Grade Accelerated teacher to write the map and rigorous assessments focusing on reading, writing, listening and speaking and the assessments were linked to the maps. French 22/21 and Spanish 21/22 - Updated and revised the current maps. All of the assessments were updated and revised to focus on rigor in the four areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Updating converted material from the old template to the new template and links were added for all assessments directly in the map. Teachers are creating Goolge classrooms with links to all documents. The committee will recommend to the full Board for approval.

Dr. Brooks updated the committee on the BMS parent meeting for Standards-based Report Cards and parent concerns. Dr. Carver and Dr. Brooks informed the committee the administration is looking at revising the rubric. They also looked at honor roll and are in the process of revising. The BMS principal is looking for parent input/feedback. Conference registrations at BMS will be similar to the way registrations are done at BHS.

4. Audience Participation

Discussion:
None.

5. Adjourn

Discussion:
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder