

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 4, 2015
6:00 P.M., Room 19

ATTENDANCE:

Andrea Ackerman
Rita Volkmann
Susan Austin
Andrea Davis
Leslie Forbes
Nancy Stankiewicz

1. **Minutes** - The minutes of January 5, 2015, were accepted as presented.
2. **Reporting on information regarding recent graduates and the number of college bound, number of college bound students who needed remedial courses; the number who went into trade or service.**

Ms. Austin presented information on students from community college and Connecticut State Schools only (not UCONN). She will try to get alumni e-mails to send out a survey and she will check out a service that will track our kids.

3. **Teachers' College Readers' and Writers' Project.**

Thirty-eight teachers attended the conference in New York City – Writing Workshop – Lucy Calkins.

- Reading and Writing workshops will be July 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2015 here in Groton.
- August – Will have Teachers College back here to review. This will be funded by Title funds. DoD grant (1 million) will find out if we get grant in July (1 million over 5 years).
- Literacy for all conference – Andrea Davis and Leslie Forbes attended and presented as well as Nancy Stankiewicz. Leslie Forbes has actively engaged her class using performance tasks.
- Andrea Davis and Leslie Forbes Published “Doing the Impossible: Motivating Middle School Students.”

4. **How is grammar taught?**

The committee viewed a mini lesson done by Leslie Forbes on the Integrated Approach through the Writers Workshop Program. Next year, all K-8 students will be using Writer's Workshop Differentiated set – not isolated grammar – but rather integrating into their own writing.

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5. **Assessment Grant Update.**

Assessment Reduction Grant, April 6 and 9, 2015 with consultant (1 per grade level for each level). What is a quality assessment and how do we measure that? “Less is more” – only for 3-5 – but then this will provide a process to examine assessment reduction at other levels. Hope to have a plan for 2015-2016 school year.

6. **Referral List**

A referral was made to the Curriculum Committee re: How are we addressing gifted needs.

Mrs. Volkmann made a referral to review scheduling at the middle school level.

Mrs. Volkmann made a referral re: How are basic students going to be supported while taking college classes.

A referral was made to review the implementations of writing workshop in the future.

Next meeting: June 1, 2015

A motion was made by Mrs. Volkmann and seconded by Dr. Ackerman to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY