

Barre Town Curriculum and Teacher Support Committee Meeting Notes January 19, 2016

Present:

Brenda Buzzell, Chairperson

Tim Crowley, Principal

Rick McCraw, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Lexa Jones, Health Educator

Lauren Singer, Family and Consumer Science Educator

Lindy Johnson, K-2 Literacy Specialist

Karen Heath, 3-8 Literacy Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 AM.

Agenda:

1. Review/approval of minutes
2. Additions/deletions to agenda
3. Health curriculum
4. Discussion of future meeting times

1. Changes to the agenda

The health presentation was moved to first on the agenda, and peer observation was added to the agenda. Approval of minutes was moved to the end.

2. Health Curriculum

Lauren Singer and Lexa Jones presented about their respective health programs. See associated handouts for details.

Questions asked of Lauren:

- Is the curriculum standardized across the supervisory union? Yes.
- At what point is bullying awareness introduced? Throughout the grades, but there is great emphasis in grade 7.
- Is the curriculum a program? Parts are, but not all. For instance, the sexuality curriculum is a program called *Our Whole Lives*.
- Are use of tools and sewing taught anymore? No. Discussion turned to the possibility of having a sewing program offered as an after school choice. No action was taken.

3. Peer observations

Karen and Lauren reviewed this year's focus on having teachers both observe the instruction of others and be observed in turn. It's being quite well received, although all observations have not been done yet.

Do teachers have to observe within their grade level? No.

Curriculum specialists have suggested that teachers being observed identify one (or very few) specific things the observer can look for and collect data on.

Tim expressed greater interest in vertical observations than in having teachers observe practitioners in other schools.

Who sees the observations? Only the observed teacher. The observation record does not go into the teacher's file.

4. Review/Approval of minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were approved without change.

5. Discussion of Future Meeting Agendas and Dates

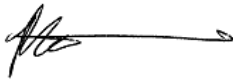
The next meeting will take place on the third Tuesday of February (the 16th) at 8:00AM.

Agenda Topics

- Report on the extent of program alignment between Barre Town and Barre City
- Current practices on handwriting instruction.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:41AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick McCraw
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment