

Teaching and Learning Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2019  
Stonington High School Library Classroom  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by D. Downie at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of the minutes: motion by J. Morehouse, seconded by A. Garvey

### **DM School Improvement Plan**

J. McCurdy reviewed the midyear status of the Deans Mill School Improvement Plan. She explained how the school plan articulates with the district plan. The plan includes four goals: curriculum implementation with fidelity, increase cognitive engagement and rigor, improve use of educational technology, and strengthen supports for social-emotional well-being.

### **Stonington Middle School Improvement Plan**

T. Smith shared the Stonington Middle School Improvement Plan. The plan includes three goals focusing on the improvement of the instruction in mathematics, improvement learning strategies and classroom management, and ensure approved curricula are implemented with fidelity. As mathematics is the focus he highlighted how the school supports instruction in this area through the coaching model, the use of Moby Max to inform interventions, and specialized training for the paraprofessionals to support students.

### **Probability and Statistics**

J. Bausch explained the connection of the Probability of Statistics to the previously approved Geometry units. The Probability and Statistics is approximately 1/3 of the instructional year. She overviewed the significant task in the first unit on surveys, survey design, and survey biases.

### **English 10**

English 10 with modifications for the Honors level was presented by J. Bradanini. Teachers are now working on common final exams with and referring to the significant tasks to design the instruments. She explained how English 10 builds on English 9 with more extended learning opportunities. She featured the unit 3 significant task on the Hero's Journey in a contemporary literature context using film and text. The final unit features a significant task on reading speeches, viewing speeches and combining different media to explain a specific speech.

### **Criminology**

J. Bradanini presented the semester elective entitled Criminology. The final assessment is of a crime scene and the students need to write a profile of the suspect after studying various theories of criminal behavior.

### **Health Issues**

J. Bausch gave an overview of the current required Health class which includes infectious diseases, CPR, sexual health, addictions, diversity, health relationships, and additional mandated topics required by the State of Connecticut. An additional health course will be added to comply with the new SHS high school graduation requirements.

**Science K-2**

J. Bausch gave an overview of the primary science units and the alignment to the Wonders units. This completes the district K-9 science programming and the grade 10 will be completed by the end of the school year. The computer-based Mystery Science resource and Picture-Perfect STEM lessons are included to support the instruction at this level.

**Board Goals and Accountability**

M. Butler updated the Accountability Matrix as a progress report on where the district stands currently with addressing the Board's goals. The third review of this report will occur in June.

**Future items:**

Invite the mental health team to share programming for dealing with student anxiety at all levels.

Community service project removed from PMS and is there a possibility about district level community service experience.

Exit survey for those leaving the district at all grade bands. Recruitment of former students/open houses.

April meeting will be canceled.

**Adjourn at 7:11 p.m.**

Motion made by: D. Downie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Morehouse