

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**
Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Library
October 22, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victoria Pompei, Chair (BT)
Gina Akley, Vice-Chair (BT)
Tim Boltin (BC)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Folland (BC)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Jessica Barewicz, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Penny Chamberlin, Director (CVCC)
Chris Hennessey, Principal (CEMS)
Jennifer Nye, Principal (BTMES)
Brenda Waterhouse, Principal (SHS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Timothy Hammond Clifton Long Stephen McKinstry

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Pompei, called the Tuesday, October 22, 2019, BUUSD Curriculum Committee meeting to order at 5:38 p.m., which was held at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School in the Library.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Review / Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2019 BUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting

The Committee agreed by consensus, to approve the September 24, 2019 BUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes.

5. Committee Business

5.1 Central Vermont Career Center Presentation

Presenters requested that Committee Members and other attendees review the following sites in advance of the meeting and that they come prepared with questions: vtcte.org and cvtcc.org. Ms. Chamberlin distributed a packet of information relating to CVCC, including; an invitation to the CVCC Open House (Thursday, 12/05/19 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.), the Program of Studies, a sampling of ‘rack cards’, sample transcripts, Annual Tuition Rates, Industry Recognized Credentials and College Credits, and a document announcing students of the month. Ms. Chamberlin introduced three instructors who will be presenting this evening. Clifton Long (Plumbing and Heating), Stephen McKinstry (Automotive Technology), and Timothy Hammond (Exploratory Technology).

Clifton Long addressed the Committee, advising of the history of his education and experience. Mr. Long provided an overview of the Plumbing and Heating Program, including; class expectations regarding safety and respect, problem solving, authenticity of projects (all projects are functional), transferable skills, on-line portfolios, embedded math, science and literacy, resume writing, interviews with local employers, and industry recognized standards. Additionally, Mr. Long advised that the average age of a plumber in the United States is 59 years old, and advised that there will be many plumbing/heating jobs available in the state for at least the next 10 years. Mrs. Akley relayed her positive experience with a graduate of the CVCC Plumbing and Heating Program.

Mr. McKinstry addressed the Committee, advising of his education and experience. Mr. McKinstry provided an overview of the Automotive Technology Program, including; student expectations on behavior and academics, curriculum (including on-line curriculum), ‘live’ work, which includes a student run automotive shop, technology requirements in the automotive industry (continuously evolving), and starting salaries (approximately \$36,500). Mr. McKinstry provided several handouts including the Rules and Procedures packet, a copy of his Power Point presentation, and examples of on-line curriculum.

Mr. Hammond addressed the Committee, advising of his education and experience. Mr. Hammond provided an overview of the Exploratory Technology Program, advising that this program is for 9th and 10th- grade students. Mr. Hammond advised of his teaching philosophy, curriculum, restorative practices, shadowing in various programs, career exploration, resume creation, embedded math, and literacy curriculum, and life skills. Each year there are approximately 35 applicants. The Program can only accommodate 14 students. Mr. Hammond distributed a packet containing numerous documents relating to the program. Mrs. Akley expressed concern that so many students are turned away from the program, advising that the number of students could possibly double or triple if the program was expanded.

Ms. Chamberlin advised regarding the upcoming feasibility study, which will take a clean look at what the Career Center is doing now, and what additional opportunities would be beneficial to have in the future. The goal is to increase the number of students as well as the number of programs that are offered. Work needs to be done to remove the stigma associated with being a Career Center student.

5.2 Review and provide feedback on ‘BUUSD Curriculum Committee Presentation Guidelines FY20’

This document outlines guidelines for use by staff who will be presenting to the Curriculum Committee. The Committee agreed that the guidelines, as written, are appropriate and should be utilized by presenters. There were no questions from the Committee.

5.3 Review Revised Curriculum Committee FY20 Work Plan

A document titled ‘Curriculum Committee FY20 Annual work Plan (revised based on September 2019 Curriculum Committee feedback)’ was distributed. Mrs. Barewicz provided a brief overview of the document, advising of some modifications. It was noted that ‘pause/reflection’ time needs to be added and that some of the meeting dates will need to be rescheduled/confirmed. Mrs. Barewicz will be sending an exit ticket regarding the meeting.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Items for Future Agendas

As listed on the FY20 Work Plan distributed under agenda item 5.3.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is to be determined.

9. Adjournment

The Committee agreed by consensus, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin