

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

Via Video Conference – Google Meet
February 23, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alice Farrell (BC)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victoria Pompei, Chair (BT)

Tim Boltin, Vice-Chair (BC)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

David Wells, Superintendent

Mary Ellen Simmons, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Farrell called the Tuesday, February 23, 2021, BUUSD Curriculum Committee meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., which was held via video conference.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Remove numbering from Agenda Items labeled 8.1 through 8.3. These items are not slated for discussion at this meeting.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Minutes -

4.1 Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021

This Agenda Item is tabled until the next regular Curriculum Committee meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Annual Curriculum Committee Work Plan

A document titled 'DRAFT Curriculum Committee FY21 Annual Work Plan' was distributed. It was clarified that the Annual Work Plan presented this evening is for September 2020 – June 2021. Ms. Simmons provided an overview of the Work Plan and updated the document as discussed, including; adding an update on Equity Work (March and June), adding Math Needs At The Elementary Level (April), and the addition of Allied Arts and the FY22 Work Plan (May) It was noted that no July meeting will be held unless necessary. Ms. Simmons provided an overview of planned equity work (creation of a policy & procedures, as well as professional development and curriculum work). Brief discussion was held regarding the coordination of the various components of equity work. Ms. Simmons advised regarding collaboration with Great Schools Partnership, and their facilitation of various meetings/professional development. Ms. Simmons clarified that she and Mr. Wells review assessment data and set the direction of work. The work/professional development is based on an identified common vision and goals. Professional development is mandatory for teaching staff.

5.2 Barre 35 Growing Learners: Closing Gaps

Mr. Wells advised that the fully fleshed out Plan will be presented in March 2021. The State required Recovery Plan template has not been released yet. Mr. Wells displayed an outline of the plan being developed. This will be a 'living' plan. It was noted that a timeline will need to be developed and that closing learning gaps will be a multi-year (through FY24), multi-faceted process. A large part of developing the plan involves analyzing data and assessing needs. In addition to academic support, closing gaps also requires providing social/emotional support. Support is currently being provided to high school seniors who are at risk of not meeting graduation requirements. Mrs. Farrell requested assurance that the Recovery Plan and the upcoming Strategic Plan 'mesh'.

5.3 Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan Update

Mrs. Farrell advised that the last community survey is being finalized and will be distributed shortly. Once the survey data is received, it will be collated and reviewed for action.

6. Old Business

None.

7. Other Business

Mrs. Farrell advised that the Committee needs to be cognizant of budget voting results and how that may impact curriculum. Mrs. Farrell advised that she will contact Mr. Boltin and Mrs. Pompei to provide them with an overview of this meeting.

8. Items for Future Agendas

- Review/Approval of January and February Minutes (March)
- Assessment Update and Review of Results (March)
- Equity Work Update (March and June)
- Growing Learners; Closing Gaps Draft Plan (March) - (presentation of Recovery Learning Plan)
- Updates from CVCC (March)

- Math at the Elementary Level (April)
- Allied Arts (May)
- Start Curriculum Plan for FY22 (May)

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via video conference.

10. Adjournment

The Committee Agreed by consensus to adjourn at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin