Bourne School Committee Meeting
Curriculum Sub-Committee
October 5, 2010
Bourne Middle School Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Members present: Jay O'Hara, Quimby Mahoney, Anne-Marie Siroonian, Steven Lamarche(Superintendent of Schools), Susan Quick (Asst. Superintendent of Schools)

Minutes: approved as amended with the spelling of Mr. Lamarche's name

Setting Norms: Susan recommended that the committee set norms for effective meetings. Susan passed out sticky notes to allow us to express our thoughts on what we see as effective norms for conducting curriculum meetings. Notes were reviewed and norms were set. The following is a list of norms.

- Designate a committee facilitator to keep committee on task
- Individuals will be allowed to speak and share thoughts freely
- Clearly stated agenda items
- Agenda items will be followed in order unless otherwise voted to move or table.
- Maintain a sense of humor
- Ask clarifying questions
- Reduce the redundancy of stated issues (if has been said….no need for repetition)
- Meetings will be held to approximately one hour unless an agenda item needs to be concluded and the consensus agrees to continue beyond the allotted time.
- Assign times to agenda items
- Beginning and end times established when setting future agenda items
- Decisions are built on consensus

Committee Facilitator: Susan Quick
Note taking: Anne-Marie Siroonian
Sub-Committee report to School Committee: Anne-Marie Siroonian

SBRC Update: see revised document for SBRC action plan presented by Mr. Lamarche.

Steven and Susan met with entire staff at BMS and gave them a readiness inventory. Refer to inventory results data as presented by Mr. Lamarche.

Mr. Lamarche feels that the SBRC will not meet the initial goal set forth by the School committee at this point in time.
Ms. Quick has been researching current middle school curriculum. Curriculum is a little scattered. Created one document that lists the standards and the length of time for each unit covered. Tried to match the curriculum with the timing on the report card. Great deal of discrepancy. Pockets of curriculum that coincide with the SBRC and other pockets of the curriculum do not coincide with the current SBRC and what is being assessed.

As a committee a recommendation will be made to school committee to indefinitely postpone SBRC at the middle school level and to build from the elementary level up and look at the curriculum at BMS to ensure that it correlates with the SBRC. Mr. Lamarche will make his recommendation to the school committee at the October 6th meeting.

Agenda items 4,5,6 were tabled and moved to next meeting.

Future Agenda Items:
Prioritizing our goals
MCAS review
Technology integration
Timeline for curriculum review pre-k thru 12
Revision of SBRC (change in direction)

Meeting adjourned at 6:40.
Next meeting: November 1, 2010 at 9:30am (Administration building)