

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet  
September 1, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sarah Pregent (BC) – Vice Chair  
Melissa Battah (BT Community Member)  
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)  
Paul Malone (BT)  
Chris Parker (BT)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rachel Aldrich-Whalen (BC Community Member)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent  
Karen Fredericks, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Terry Reil

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Delcore, Times Argus	Jean Haeger	Darby Hiebert	Josh Howard	Tara Martin
Ben Matthews	Rachel Van Vliet	William Toborg		

**1. Call to Order**

**The Superintendent, Mr. Hennessey, called the Thursday, September 1, 2022, BUUSD Curriculum Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.**

**2. Organize**

Mr. Hennessey called for nominations for the position of Committee Chair. It was clarified that community Committee Members have equal voting privileges, but cannot be elected to the position of Committee Chair.

**Mrs. Leclerc nominated Mr. Malone for the position of Committee Chair. Mr. Malone seconded the motion. On a vote of 2 to 3, the motion failed. Mrs. Leclerc and Mr. Malone voted for the motion. Mrs. Battah, Ms. Parker, and Mrs. Pregent voted against the motion.**

**On a motion by Mrs. Battah, seconded by Ms. Parker, the Committee voted 3 to 1 to elect Mrs. Pregent as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Mrs. Battah, Ms. Parker, and Mrs. Pregent voted for the motion. Mrs. Leclerc voted against the motion. Mr. Malone abstained.**

Mrs. Pregent facilitated the remainder of the meeting.

**On a motion by Mrs. Battah, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, the Committee unanimously voted to elect Mr. Malone as Vice-chair of the Curriculum Committee.**

**3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

Add 6.4 Commencement Speech From District Kick-off. This item will be taken out of order (after 5.1).

**On a motion by Mrs. Leclerc, seconded by Ms. Parker, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Agenda as amended.**

**4. Public Comment**

In response to a query, it was noted that discussion of SBAC scores occurred at a prior meeting.

In response to a query regarding a previous discussion related to ‘blind surveys’, it was noted that a staff-wide survey falls under the purview of the Board.

Mr. Howard queried regarding an update on Student Performance data.

Mr. Toborg requested that members of the public have on-line access to information regarding curriculum, including the syllabi and information regarding what books and instructional materials are being used (for all grades). Mr. Hennessey advised that he believes this request would be best addressed at the building level.

## **5. Approval of Minutes -**

### **5.1 August 4, 2022 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**

**On a motion by Mrs. Leclerc, seconded by Ms. Parker, the Committee unanimously voted to approve as amended, the minutes of the August 4, 2022 BUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting.**

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Great Schools Partnership, Extensive Summary of Support FY23 (Consultant Jean Haeger)**

A document titled 'BUUSD Great Schools Partnership Support 2022 – 23' was distributed.

Ms. Haeger provided an overview of the document, advising of the three areas of development slated for the 2022-2023 academic year, including Goals, Curriculum Development (and cohesion), Administrative and Instructional Leadership, and Supporting Structures for Professional Learning Facilitation. Ms. Haeger proceeded to provide more detailed information on the three defined areas of work and advised of some of the feedback provided by participants in previous work groups/professional development sessions. Ms. Haeger read some of the end-of-year survey responses and advised of participation data from various surveys. Ms. Haeger and Ms. Fredericks answered questions from the Committee, including queries relating to ongoing supports for staff, the number of facilitators, expansion of the program to the high school, and alignment with the Strategic Plan.

### **6.2 Feedback from Facilitator Training**

A document titled 'BUUSD Facilitator Training August 16, 2022 – Feedback Survey Responses' was distributed.

Ms. Fredericks provided an overview of the data received from the most recent training, noting that there was a 100% response rate (13 responses), and that participants reported that training was a good experience and felt it was time well spent. Ms. Fredericks provided information relating to the definition of 'equity' to meet the needs of all students and assure that all students meet proficiency. It was noted that Curriculum Leaders meet twice a month, PLG Facilitators once a month and all meetings close with some form of feedback gathering.

### **6.3 New Math Program**

Ms. Fredericks advised regarding a link to 'Illustrative Mathematics', and advised that this Program will replace the Engaged New York Math and Connected Math Programs (for K – 8). Middle and Elementary staff are 'on-board' with implementation of the new program. This program does have a high school component which can be explored at a later time. The program is more teacher-friendly and is more interactive for students. Ms. Fredericks advised that there are 'entry points' for all students (low floor / high ceiling – engagement for students of all abilities). The program offers consistent formative assessments (exit questions) as well as unit assessments. The Program also includes 'parent and family extensions' to help parents assist their students. ESSER funds were used to purchase this program. Ms. Fredericks answered questions from Committee Members, advising that 'parent nights' will be reintroduced this year, the program is highly rated, teachers have had training on this program, and that additional training opportunities will be available throughout the year. Ms. Fredericks advised regarding how the Program was selected. In response to a query, Ms. Fredericks advised that she will be in contact with the high school Math Department Head for confirmation that this program will be adequate to prepare students for their move to the high school.

### **6.4 Commencement Speech From District Kick-off**

Ms. Fredericks read the Commencement Speech from the District Kick-off meeting, which was held in the SHS Auditorium to approximately 600 employees. A copy of the speech will be submitted to Mrs. Gilbert for posting as an addendum.

## **7. Old Business**

None.

## **8. Other Business**

None.

## **9. Items for Future Agendas**

### October Meeting:

- SEL/MTSS Update
- Setting Goals for Growth within the 5-Year Education Action Plan
- Discussion of Blended Classes/AP Students and Enrichments for Elementary/Middle School Students

### November Meeting:

- Review Results from January 2022 Staff Survey
- Fall Climate Survey – National Survey Through PBIS (for students, parents & faculty)
- Drop-out and School Completion Data

### Add to Parking Lot:

- Setting Goals for Growth Within 5-Year Education Action Plan

Remove from Parking Lot:

- Plan to Assist Teachers in Understanding Data
- Report on How Planning To-Date Has Impacted Student Learning

The Committee agreed to make changes to Parking Lot formatting:

- Label items alphabetically
- Add 'Requested Date' to each item

**10. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

**10. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Andrea Poulin*