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Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Curriculum Committee
Tuesday, October 11, 2022; 4:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Principal's Conference Room

Present
Jonathan Kapstein, Chair
Michael Devine
Carol Ann Brown
James Crocker (ex-officio)

Absent
Tikva Rose

Also Present
Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
Patricia Paige, Recording Clerk

I. Call to order

Jonathan Kapstein called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Vision of a Leaner

"I can" statements have been devised for three of the attributes and include, Thinking Critically and Creatively, Take Initiative, and Adapt and Adjust. Work will continue this year on the remaining three, Collaborate and Communicate Effectively, Demonstrate Empathy and Persevere. The statements were developed collectively with teachers across the district, starting at the elementary level, and employ a student-friendly language. The attributes have been incorporated into the latest curricular documents beginning with the new curricula adopted this summer.

Nonnewaug High School graduates, commencing 2023, are required to complete a Mastery Based Learning Experience. A rubric has been devised, based on Vision of a Learner attributes, as a way to ensure that students demonstrate all qualities.

Professional Learning on November 8th will focus on two of the remaining four elements: Demonstrate Empathy and Collaborate and Communicate Effectively.
Future efforts include finishing the "I can" statements, the creation of rubrics to measure students' ability to demonstrate them, and developing a way to share the results for students' attainment of the attributes with the community as a whole.

It was suggested that a future full-board presentation incorporate a classroom simulation to correlate the "I can" statements into what is being taught in the classroom and how that might look.

The Vision of a Learner design should be ready for implementation next school year.

III. <u>Nonnewaug High School/Credits Needed for Graduation</u>

Guidance Counselor Chris Maclean recently offered a Freshmen orientation for district parents. The program outlined the up-to-date graduation requirements, which were approved by the Board in 2021. Students will need to secure 25 credits in order to graduate. There is some flexibility at the school level as to what would be included in the requirements above and beyond state obligations.

Dr. Fernandez reviewed the course offerings for each aspect of the graduation requirements and the number of required credits in each area.

IV. <u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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