

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

4/17/23

Attendees: Michelle Zawawi, Gina Garfield, Victoria Deming, Kristina Kochanek, Robert St. Amand, Thomas Kadamus, Tracy Scatolini, Maureen Sattan, Glen Gazdik, Jamie Drzyzga, and Melissa Finnigan

- I. Call to order: 5:33 pm
- II. School Counseling Update

The secondary school counseling department presented an overview of their student success manual and current programming. New lessons and presentations have been implemented this year, as revisions were made to the secondary counseling curriculum. All revisions reflect the current state standards from the CT Comprehensive Counseling Framework and focus on three domains of development:

- Academic
- Career
- Social/Emotional

Each grade now has a planned curriculum that is embedded into flex and advisory time at both the middle school and high school. In addition, counselors are meeting with small groups regularly to complete lessons tied to core standards. The new programming builds each year and is developmentally differentiated at each grade level to meet students where they are at that time. The lessons range in topics from “Effective Decision-Making Strategies” in 6th grade to “Resume Writing” lessons in 10th grade and “College and Future planning” lessons in 11th grade. The secondary counseling department has made significant efforts to improve their curriculum over the course of this year.

- III. Adjournment: 6:36 pm