

Curriculum Committee
of the
Hamden Board of Education

May 23, 2023 - Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Peter Downhour called the meeting to order at 6:07PM

Roll Call - Committee Members Present: Peter Downhour and Mariam Khan.
Absent: Gary Walsh

Board Members: no additional

Staff Members: Gary Highsmith, Superintendent, Linda Tran, Assistant Superintendent, Erin Bailey, Assistant Superintendent, Elizabeth Lapman-Director of World Languages, Katerine Santiago- Teacher, Nelly QuitoPoma-Teacher, Jennifer Vienneau- Director of Social Studies, Heather Wachter-Director of ELA, Terri Kurczewski- Director of Mathematics, and Chung Mei D'Attilo-Teacher

II. Additions to the Agenda – Action item D. Helen Street Media Department Book Discard

III. Public comments on information and action items – public comment was received via email and in the meeting.

IV. Action Item

A. - Trip to WL Costa Rica trip for the 23-24 SY
Elizabeth Lapman Director of World Languages, Katerine Santiago Teacher, Nelly QuitoPoma Teacher, and Mia and Ketan, HMS students, presented information about this year's trip and next year's proposal. (slides presented).

Motion by Peter Downhour to approve the 2023-2024 Costa Rica WL field trip.
second Mariam Khan
Passes- 2 Yes, 0 No.

V. Information Items:

A. Social Studies Update (upcoming new standards)
Jennifer Vienneau, Director of Social Studies provided an update on social studies curriculum and the forth coming new standards. (slides presented).

- B. Science of Reading Update. –
Heather Wachter, Director of ELA provided an update on K-3 reading updates and the science of reading. (slides presented).

VI. Action Items:

B. Math Course Name Changes

Terri Kurczewski, Director of Mathematics provided an explanation on the reasoning for course name changes.

1. MAT175 (College Algebra & Trig) to MATH1600 (College Algebra)
2. MAT186 (Pre-Calculus) to MATH 1610 (Pre-Calculus)
3. MAT 254 (Calculus I) to MATH 2600 (Calculus I)

Motion by Peter Downhour to approve the course name changes:

MAT175 (College Algebra & Trig) to MATH1600 (College Algebra)

MAT186 (Pre-Calculus) to MATH 1610 (Pre-Calculus)

MAT 254 (Calculus I) to MATH 2600 (Calculus I)

second Mariam Khan

Passes- 2 Yes, 0 No.

C. Bear Path Media Department Book Discards

Motion by Peter Downhour to approve the Bear Path media department book discards,

second Mariam Khan

Passes- 2 Yes, 0 No.

D. Helen Street Media Department Book Discard

Motion by Peter Downhour to approve the Helen Street media department book discards,

second Mariam Khan

Passes- 2 Yes, 0 No.

VII. Motion to adjourn by Peter Downhour, second by Mariam Khan

Adjourned 7:34PM