

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
May 3, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Boutin (BC) – Chair
Rachel Aldrich-Whalen (BC Community Member)
Melissa Battah (BT Community Member)
Nancy Leclerc (At-Large)
Chris Parker (BT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Karen Fredericks, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Giuliano Cecchinelli
Terry Reil
Sonya Spaulding

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Heath Josh Howard Prudence Krasofski

1. Call to Order

Ms. Fredericks called the Wednesday, May 3, 2023, BUUSD Curriculum Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Organize

There is currently no Vice Chair of the Committee. Mrs. Leclerc will consider taking that role.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

On a motion by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Battah, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the agenda as presented.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Minutes -

5.1 February 2, 2023 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Battah, seconded by Ms. Parker, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 and April 5, 2023 BUUSD Curriculum Committee Meetings.

5.2 April 5, 2023 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Approved under Agenda Item 5.1

6. New Business

6.1 Curriculum Committee Reimagined

A document (presentation slides) titled ‘Curriculum Committee Reimagined’ was distributed.

Mr. Boutin shared the presentation on screen and provided an overview, advising that he would like to see ‘SMART’ Goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-tabled) for agenda items (rather than solely having presentations). Ms. Fredericks advised regarding how goals would be defined. Lengthy discussion was held, including, but not limited to; the work/charge of the Committee, involvement of other individuals (including parents), possible agenda topics, accountability, various reporting (Committee or Board level – don’t want to duplicate), measurability, recommendations to the Board, efficient use of staff members’ and Committee Members’ time, use of data driven goals, a ‘Think Tank’ methodology, the definition of ‘curriculum’, the level of involvement that is appropriate for the Board (relating to curriculum), should the Committee’s direction be set by the Board, measurement of the quality of education, expectations of Committee Members, methods to keep parents informed regarding

curriculum and standards, and historical information on the make-up and work of previous committees. Brief discussion was held regarding the items in the Parking Lot. See Agenda Item 6.2 for action.

On a motion by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Battah, the Committee unanimously voted that the Committee not hold discussion or have Agenda Items that are items that are going to be presented to the full Board as part of quarterly reporting.

6.2 Parking Lot Reimagined

Remove from Parking Lot:

Parking Lot Items B through H.

7. Old Business

7.1 Corrected Chart (Feedback on Coaching Model) from 04/05/23 Meeting

Two copies of a survey results chart (related to professional development) were distributed.

Ms. Fredericks advised that the version included in the Addendum, is the correct version for review. In response to a query, Ms. Fredericks advised regarding why the number of responses from SHS teachers is low.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Items for Future Agendas

- Goals for Test Scores

Additional items can be forwarded to Mr. Boutin.

It was suggested that the Committee discuss homogeneous classrooms vs. heterogeneous classrooms (a discussion that includes all of the pros and cons – not a presentation/discussion that only presents one side).

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Aldrich-Whalen, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin