

*AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
Bethany Orange Woodbridge
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525*

*Dr. Jennifer P. Byars
Superintendent of Schools*

**AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Monday, September 11, 2023, 4:45 pm**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Carla Eichler* acting chair, Andrea Hubbard, Donna Schuster and Dr. Jennifer Turner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannan Carlson

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Frank Purcaro

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carlson calls to meeting to order at 4:47p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Curriculum Committee Meeting – February 13, 2023
- b. Curriculum Committee Meeting – March 13, 2023
- c. Curriculum Committee Meeting- May 16, 2023

MOTION by Dr. Turner to approve Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2023, as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 4 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION by Dr. Turner to approve Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2023, as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 4 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION by Andrea Hubbard to approve Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023, as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 2 (Eichler, Hubbard)

ABSTAIN, 2 (Schuster, Turner)

MOTION CARRIES

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. START OF SCHOOL UPDATES

- a. Welcome Back from Mr. Purcaro
- b. POG: taking the next steps to embed the POG into our daily lessons and learning progressions
- c. Driving Question: How do we continue to build a model that reinforces the notion of growth in these characteristics and attributes?

- d. Teacher experience relative to the POG
- e. How can we parlay this experience and learning to our students?
- f. Paralell Pedagogy: Adminstrators, Teachers, Students
- g. Graphic of POG with the charatceristics and attributes visualized
- h. How did we get to this point? Mr. Puracro shares a timline walk through from 2016- present
- i. The power of Paralell Pedagogy: Districts are best when the message is clear that what is good for teachers and adults is what is equally good for students
- j. All roads lead to the POG
- k. August PD feedback was positive and suportive of the work we are trying to do
- l. Dr. Turner asks a question reagrding who will choose the pieces of work that will ultimately go into their senior year portfolio. Mr. Purcaro responds that the goal is that students will be the ones to choose from a robust portfolio that students will be building from grades 7-12.
- m. Mrs. Eichler asks what graduating class will be the first to submit a portfolio. Mr. Purcaro suggest the curent sophomores "Class of 2027" will submit some version of a portfolio that will include reflections on a number of different characteristicts of the POG, likely by the end of their junior year. Some aspects are still being decided with the high school administration. Mr. Purcaro shares that Schoology includes a portfolio feature that will aid students in the work of building a portfolio.
- n. Suzanne Dailey "Teach Happier" and the two- degree shift that one can do to make life and work happier. She will revisit the staff again in January.

5. NEW DISTRICT RESOURCES

- a. IXL: Math intervention
- b. Newsela
- c. 8th Grade Social Studies and Online Supplemental Resouces
- d. MS Math Intervention
- e. District ELL/MLL Support
- f. ACES Curriculum Development and inquiry Based Instructional Starategies

6. UNIVERSAL ASSESSMENTS

- a. STAR
- b. i- Ready

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m by Acting Chair Carla Eichler

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Zaleski
BOE Recording Secretary