



**Minutes
Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023; 4:00 p.m.
Central Office
Conference Room**

Board Committee Members Present

Carol Ann Brown, Chair
Alice Jones
Jim Crocker

Absent

Tikva Rose

Also Present

Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
Suzi Greene, Assistant Principal, Woodbury Middle School
Caroline South, Woodbury Middle School Instructional Leader
Carrie Stepeck, 6th Grade, Woodbury Middle School, ELA and Literacy

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Curriculum Review/Approval

Open Up Resources, a Pre ELA education curriculum, was utilized in developing the curricula across all three grades and was favored with its component of integrating science and social studies with English Language Arts instruction. The curricula offers a combination of fiction and non-fiction readings and plenty of opportunity of students to write.

A. 6th Grade English Language Arts

The 6th grade English Language Arts curriculum incorporates reading, writing, and speaking principles with the skills of researching, analyzing, interpreting, and assessing texts through the examination of historical and scientific topics. Units include “Greek Mythology”, “Critical Problems and Design Solutions”, “American Indian Boarding Schools” and “Remarkable Accomplishments in Space Science”.

Motion

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the curriculum as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. 7th Grade English Language Arts

The 7th grade English Language Arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, and speaking principles with the skills of researching, analyzing, interpreting, and

evaluating texts through the study of historical and scientific topics. The units include “The Lost Children of the Sudan”, “Epidemics”, “The Harlem Renaissance”, and Plastic Pollution”.

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the curriculum as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. 8th Grade English Language Arts

The 8th grade English Language Arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, and speaking principles with the skills of researching, analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating texts through the study of historical and scientific topics. Units include “Folklore of Latin America”, “Food Choices”, Lessons from Japanese American Internment”, and “Journalism”.

Motion

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the curriculum as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Alice Jones to adjourn the meeting of the Curriculum Committee; seconded by Jim Crocker; the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Patricia Paige, Board Clerk