

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
June 7, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rachel Aldrich-Whalen (BC Community Member)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Chris Hennessey, Superintendent
Karen Fredericks, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonya Spaulding

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Delcore – Times Argus Joe Campbell

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Boutin, called the Wednesday, June 7, 2023, BUUSD Curriculum Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was held at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

2. Organize

Mr. Boutin queried regarding any interest in assuming the position of Committee Vice-Chair. There were no interested parties.

3. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Mrs. Battah advised regarding recent Board discussion that each Committee hold discussion regarding their charge, mission, and purpose.

Brief discussion was held regarding a list of questions submitted to the Chair by Mrs. Leclerc. The information is not included in the packet. Brief discussion was held regarding the protocol relating to agenda creation / agenda items.

Add 6.1 Committee Charge, Mission, and Purpose

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

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Minutes -

5.1 May 3, 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 May 3, 2023 BUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Committee Charge, Mission, and Purpose

Mr. Boutin suggested that the Committee send a request to the Board that they provide the Committee with a charge and mission. Mrs. Leclerc advised that the Board had held some discussion, but did not take formal action. Additionally, Mrs. Leclerc advised that there is no legal requirement for committees to have vice-chairs. Mr. Boutin opened the floor for thoughts and comments regarding this agenda item. Lengthy discussion was held, including but not limited to; ongoing discussions regarding the Committee's purpose, efficient use of employees time, the possibility of combining this committee with another committee, have the Board set the direction/agenda items for the Curriculum Committee, acknowledgement that other committees have a much more clearly defined

charge, the lack of recommendations to the Board (from this Committee), the possibility of changing the Committee from a standing committee to an 'as needed' committee, a query regarding how the Committee and the Board know that students are receiving the education they should be receiving, the possibility of changing the Committee name to 'Education Quality Outcome' Committee, having agenda items relating to the impact of behavioral issues and social/economic status, consideration of what is in the best interest of the students, acknowledgement that the Committee does not have individuals who have 'curriculum' expertise, increasing community involvement, whether or not the District is seeing the correct outcome from the curriculum being taught, and work that administrators plan to do over the summer. Additional discussion was held.

On a motion by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Battah, the Committee unanimously voted to make a recommendation to the Board that they revisit the purpose, charge, and continuation of the Curriculum Committee.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Other Business

It was clarified that 'Other Business' never has listed agenda items, e.g. 8.1, 8.2, but rather is standard on the agenda for 'other business that may properly come before a board or a committee'.

9. Items for Future Agendas

9.1 Discussion

It was agreed that the list of questions from Mrs. Leclerc were not warned or included in the packet, so they should be added to a future agenda with information included in the packet. Ms. Fredericks advised that she will provide an assessment update at a future Board meeting.

10. Next Meeting Date

The July 5, 2023 meeting is cancelled.

The August 2, 2023 meeting is cancelled.

On a motion by Mrs. Leclerc, seconded by Ms. Parker, the Committee unanimously voted to hold the next Curriculum Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spaulding High School Library and via video conference.

11. Adjournment (appreciations and gratitude)

On a motion by Ms. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Leclerc, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Poulin