



Regional School District 17
Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee Minutes
Chair: Kathy Zandi

A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Curriculum Subcommittee was held on March 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Subcommittee Members Present: Kathy Zandi, Heather Pach, Suzanne Sack, Lisa Connelly

Subcommittee Member Absent: Hamish MacPhail

Other Attendees: Heather Rigatti, Jennifer Beermuender, Alli Behnke, Kyana Anderson, Emily Rosenthal

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Kathy Zandi.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Lisa Connelly made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Kathy Zandi seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. HKYFS - Data Survey Presentation

The representatives from HKYFS presented the Youth Voices Count Survey results. The survey was conducted in December 2023 with HKHS students grades 9 - 12, and it provided information about students' potential mental health needs. Participation was anonymous, and the students had the opportunity to opt out of specific questions or the entire survey. Results will be available on the HKYFS website along with comparisons from previous years.

4. New Course Updates

Jenn Beermuender presented an update on the course "If You Love It, Teach It." This UCONN ECE course requires students to engage in field experience and a student-driven project about teacher impact. Student feedback on this new course has been extremely positive.

5. Internship Program Update

Heather Rigatti presented an update on the HKHS Internship Program. Currently, seven students are participating in the program in widely ranging fields. Students engage in hands-on experience alongside classroom instruction on best business practices and professionalism. Student feedback has been extremely positive about this new program.

6. Extracurricular Activities

Heather Rigatti updated the committee on various activities, including clubs and sports at HKIS, HKMS, and HKHS.

7. Instructional Vision Process

Jenn Beermuender introduced the Instructional Vision process, which emphasizes the interrelatedness of the teacher, the student, and the task. Superintendent Wihbey will present this in detail at the 2024-25 Convocation.

8. Curriculum Council Updates

Jenn Beermuender and Heather Rigatti presented on the process of continually assessing and updating curriculum and instructional materials in accordance with state mandates, graduation requirements, and national standards.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.