

DATE: Wednesday, May 22, 2024
TIME: 2:30 PM
PLACE: Central Office, 36 Sandwich Rd. Bourne, MA 02532

MINUTES CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE

The School Committee may vote on all items listed on this agenda

The preceding listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up to the limited extent permitted by the Open Meeting law.

Called to order at 2:30. Members present were Emily Berry, Jesse Clements, Lisa Dix, Kristin Donahue, Maureen Fuller, Keri Scoffield, Dr. Starkie, and Dr. Zhou.

Minutes:

1. Approval of 5.22.24 Minutes

2. Secondary Presentations

- a. **MS Science MCAS** - Eve Vidito & Sarah Lavoie (BMS)
*Eve and Sarah explained the changes to the 2025 Middle School MCAS Science Assessment. The test will become a Science Performance Assessment based on computer based simulations. There are plenty of good practice materials and resources to help students become accustomed to this new format. Both teachers were enthusiastic and positive about this new direction. Since this is a pilot for 2025, the scores will not be counted. Eve and Sarah met with teachers in the earlier grades to share the changes. More support will be forthcoming.
- b. **Math Workshop Sec.** - Kellie Wells & Taylor Murkland (BMS)
*Kellie and Taylor explained the changes to classroom practice in Math as a result of PD from Alison Mello. Students are rotating through math stations which allows more flexibility to teachers in determining which students might need smaller group instruction as well as the types of activities students are engaging in. Both teachers were very positive about the success they are seeing as students are taking on more ownership for their understanding, more student discovery and greater perseverance. Since this approach is more individualized, more preparation is needed and more consummable supplies are needed. Alison will be returning to BMS for continued support next year.
- c. **WIN @ BHS** - Barbara Surette (BHS)
*Barbara explained the successful implementation of the WIN block at BHS. With Monday being Anchor Day, students and teachers plan how they will utilize the 30 minute WIN period on each day for the rest of the week. Guidance provides a weekly list to staff of students who are failing in a subject. Teachers will schedule students to come to their classrooms who might need help with pace, rigor, make up work etc. This format is strongly supported by staff and students.
- d. **RISE Cohort 2 Sec.** - Courtney Donahue & Lisa Rutledge (BHS)
*Courtney and Lisa explained the positive results they have experienced from implementing the strategies and techniques from Tanya Fewell and Deb Harris thru the RISE PD. The training showed them how to incorporate more movement into their instruction.

The techniques created greater discourse, teamwork, and collaboration among their students as well as themselves. They shared pictures of students doing many of the activities. The collaboration and teamwork between Courtney and Lisa were evident as they enthusiastically explained the results of incorporating the PD into their daily instruction.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Next Meeting Date and Time:

June 5, 2024 @ 3:30 PM
