

The New London Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting was held virtually via Zoom on June 18, 2024.

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Cruz, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Danni Cruz – Committee Chair
Nathan Caron – Committee Member

Absent for the Committee: Bianca Alexis-Sylvain – Committee Member

Present for the Administration: Dr. Jennifer Hills-Papetti – Assistant Superintendent

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Mr. Cruz, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Motion carried, 2-0

4. Discussion and Approval of the Children's Literature Curriculum

Dr. Hills-Papetti explained that this was a course that the team has been thinking about for some time now, and that students have expressed interest in. Ms. Brodaski, Assistant Principal of the high school, led the development of this curriculum. It follows the CT Standards for ELA. Mr. Caron expressed that this is an exciting development, and asked if the course has been offered yet. Dr. Hills-Papetti shared that it ran as a pilot last year, but was adjusted based on student and staff feedback. It counts as an elective and ELA credit. Mr. Cruz stated that he saw the list of books and activities, and asked if this was a living document. Dr. Hills-Papetti confirmed that it is a living document.

Motion by Mr. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Caron, to approve the Children's Literature Curriculum, and recommend to the full Board for approval.

Motion carried, 2-0

5. Curriculum Updates

a. Current Curriculum Audit, Summer Planning and Next Steps

Dr. Hills-Papetti shared that during the curriculum audit, everything was looked at, and gaps were identified. She stated that moving forward, instead of using Catalyst Science for grades 6-12, the District will be using Open SciEd. She stated that the staff are quite supportive of using Open SciEd. For the summer, some curriculum work needs to be focused on elective classes such as Lego and Culinary. What is also quite exciting is the expectation to have at least 2 units for ESOL 1, 2, and 3 at the high school.

6. Future Agenda Items & Meeting Dates

At the next meeting, the committee would like to review the summer updates.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Mr. Cruz, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 2-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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