

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**
Spaulding High School Library and Via Video Conference – Google Meet
June 5, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alice Farrell (BT), Chair
Garrett Grant (BC)
Bern Rose (BC)
James Carpenter (BT)
Catherine Whalen (BT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Karen Fredericks, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Amanda Rigglesman, Incoming Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Crawford-Stempel	Dorinne Dorfman	Shayna Guild	Darby Hiebert	Katie Jarvis
Rachel Van Vliet	Karen Heath	Lorraine Morris	Jen Bisson	

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mrs. Farrell, called the Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 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. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Add 5.4 Structured Literacy Report from BTMES

Mrs. Whalen moved to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Mr. Grant, motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 May 1, 2024, Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Grant moved to accept the minutes as written for May 1, 2024, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business

5.1 Introduce the candidate for Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Amanda Rigglesman was introduced as the new candidate for Director of CIA and joins us from Charlotte Central School, currently in the role of Assistant Principal. Experienced Education Leadership work in Virginia. Mrs. Farrell provided a brief overview of this committee's work.

5.2 Text Discussion with "4 A's" Protocol

Mrs. Farrell shared trying to have a learning experience each month. Something about the curriculum or happening in the curriculum. Last month we had information on "What is the field of curriculum". We review, have a discussion, and answer any questions. Mrs. Fredericks used the framework from last time, "4 A's Protocol," and discussion began around the new text discussion starting with things that might feel like assumptions the author of the text had and moving onto things you might agree with or argue, or inspire you to act.

5.3 Annual Curriculum Committee Calendar review

Mrs. Fredericks went over the updated calendar. Updates included open-door invites for teachers to attend and quarterly report times have been added. New Teacher Orientation will take place on August 19th and 20th. Engagement with Professional Learning Groups (PLG) - Teacher Leader Facilitators run the groups - May probably be a good time—to review August - December below.

August - CIP Plan

September - Review of Strategic Plan; Support available to New Teachers

October - Grade 1 Teachers

November - Grade 2; Fall Assessments; Special Services Overview

December - Grade 3; Vertical & Horizontal Alignment; Continue on with calendar

5.4 Program cost/benefits summary of new programs adopted within the last three years and recommendations for FY26

Joining the group are Mr. Crawford-Stempel, Dept. Chair of Science at SHS; Ms. Hiebert, Literacy Teacher; Ms. Guild, BCEMS Teacher; and Ms. Dorfman, Interventionist at BTMES. Mrs. Fredericks provided this as a discussion about updates on new programs, things that different content areas are working on, and associated progress we are seeing.

Discussion on the following took place: (please review the recording for detailed information)

Science K-4, 5-8, and 9-12: All programs follow Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) which are required by the state for science. Grades K-4 using Mystery Science - a platform with scope and sequence, units, lessons, and assessments. For grades 5-8 and 9-12 using OpenSciEd, the curriculum is a phenomenon-based storyline approach to Science teaching. Required classes at the high school level are Physical Science for freshmen and Life Science for sophomores. Then they move onto a wide range of electives and a wide range of possible interests and career or higher education paths in Science.

ECO Program: Educating Children Outdoors is not a Science program but more of an approach that can be applied through any content area developed by North Branch Nature Center. They provide support staff who come out and help teachers navigate different challenges of educating children outdoors. ECO programs have been in elementary and middle schools for many years.

Structured Literacy Programs and Math: Information is shared for a very targeted small group of students who have been identified through diagnostic assessments of their needs. An overview is provided for what all students have access to and exposure to. Summaries can be found in the first few pages of the addendum documents.

Looking at the increased percentages provided, many of the committee members feel the district is absolutely getting their money's worth out of these programs.

5.5 Any other business to bring before the Curriculum Committee

None

6. Old Business

None

7. Other Business

- Mrs. Farrell presented Karen with a Happy Good Day shirt since this is her last meeting as Director of Curriculum. Wishing her nothing but Happy Good Days.
- June 19th, 8-10 a.m. sharing updates on coordinated curriculum with all faculty in SHS Auditorium. Open door invitation to members.

8. Items for Future Agendas

9. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Spaulding High School Library and via Google Meet.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Grant motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Rose at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Gilbert