

**Region 10 Board of Education
Curriculum Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
4:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room**

Present: Scott Ragaglia (Co-Chair), Scott Savelle (Co-Chair), Matt Szydlo, Rachel McFadden, Cassandra DuBois, Vonetta Romeo-Rivers (Dir of Teaching & Learning), Chris Rau (Principal LSM), Eric McKay (LSM)

1. Call to order at 4:30pm
2. Review and approval of the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion to Approve the minutes as presented with one modification, the one-time expense is clarified to be \$3,915 for the ECE Course “Seminar & Studio in Academic Writing and Multi-model Composition” was made by Rachel McFadden and Seconded by Matt Szydlo: Approved Unanimously
3. A new ECE Course proposal was presented by Erik McKay (LSM) and Chris Rau (LSM Principal) named “Contemporary Social Issues in Sports” (First Read). It is a 3-credit course and fills the non-offering gap in “Wellness”. It is offered at UCONN as a postgraduate course and if approved will be available for selection for both 11 & 12 grade students at LSM. As Erik McKay (a UCONN Approved instructor already) explained it, the course takes an analytical and a deep-thinking approach to the business aspect of sports and the impact it has on society. It also discusses the impact of Title 9 and the growth of woman’s sports since June of 1972. To test interest among students for this course offering, Eric McKay conducted a survey of 100 LSM Students of which 50+ said they would enroll in the course if offered. Currently, this course is being offered in 45 to 50 school districts in CT. The program will remain on First Read as the Committee would like to delve into the program further and get a better understanding of the books and materials used.
4. A. New School Year Start Overview. Vonetta provided a presentation outlining the new school year orientation for both returning staff and the 24 new employees in the district. The leadership of this initiative was conducted by both Vonetta and Deb Foley who is also the Title IX Designee. On the Thursday morning before the start of school the Orientation began with who we are in Region 10; a shared definition of Quality Learning so that everybody is on the same page; the vision of the graduate; district demographic data; the heme of work/life balance; Professional Learning and how it is part of Region 10; and some of the LSM students were involved re ideas on how to improve upon the student experience. The afternoon was spent at each employee’s respective school. B. The 2024-2025 Professional Learning Calander was provided with dates and topics. C. (1.) An update regarding the State Mandated Compliance Requirement. To be in State compliance, a school system needs to meet 2/5 mandated requirements, and we have 3/5 in place and working on the remainder. C. (2). The required Growth Plan has been submitted and Approved by the State. C. (3). IED Plans have been submitted within the required timeframe, however, the state has not approved any of the plans and will be providing a template for all school districts to use and will be providing a tutorial Conference Call on 9/24/24 that Howard will participate on.

5. Next Meeting will be held on 10/15/2024: Topics to be addressed; ECE 2nd read and 1st read on the text books and material used; the new definition of High Quality Learning; Update on how the first Professional Development session went
6. Motion to Adjourn was made by Rachel McFadden at 5:50pm and seconded by Matt Szdlow