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AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE CURRICULUM AND INCLUSION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING April 11, 2024

Present was Maryann Welch (Chair), Brock Omohundro, Kate Slater, Director Lyn Jacques, and Superintendent McAndrews.

Ms. Welch called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1. Approve Minutes from March 14, 2024: The subcommittee reviewed the minutes and confirmed the subcommittee goal which reads:

Amesbury Curriculum and Inclusion Subcommittee

To serve as a liaison between the School Committee, School Personnel, and Community and ensure that student achievement and growth is the schools' utmost priority. The subcommittee will:

- Regularly review the progress and outcomes of the Teaching, Learning, and Equity Department.
- Recommend Spotlight presentations which celebrate outstanding service and/or accomplishments that reaffirm and reinforce the District's mission, core beliefs, and strategic objectives.
- Advocate for specific policy and budgetary needs that support curriculum, instruction, accountability, and inclusion.

Mr. Omohundro moved to approve the March 14th minutes, seconded by Dr. Slater. Vote: unanimous

2. Improvement to Spotlight Process: The subcommittee reviewed the correlating policy AGA and recommends updated the policy with the words in red. The policy will need to be approved by the School Committee at a future meeting.

Policy AGA: On behalf of the school system, The Amesbury School Committee: **Curriculum and Inclusion** Subcommittee will recognize students, staff, Committee members, and community members whose outstanding service and/or accomplishments reaffirm and reinforce the District's **mission, core beliefs, and strategic objectives**. The Subcommittee may invite individuals or groups that have made important school-related contributions or achievements to the School Committee meeting at which they will be commended during a "Spotlight". Additionally, they may receive a letter of commendation from the Subcommittee or recognition in the form of an adoption of a resolution citing such service or accomplishment.

The subcommittee recommends holding spotlights quarterly and the subcommittee will review the nominations the month prior to the spotlights. They brainstormed new questions for the

nomination Google form and will review a draft at an upcoming meeting. The subcommittee plans to send emails to the approved spotlights and their nominators within 24 hours of their meeting.

3. Teaching, Learning, and Equity Reports: Ms. Jacques updated the subcommittee on the current math pilots being held in grades K-4. The math pilots include Eureka, Imagine Learning, Into Math, and Amplify. K-2 and 3-4 teachers are currently feeling different about programs and the district hopes to present the recommendation and staff input summary around June. The district staff hope the state will come forward with funding to purchase the new program. If the state does not, the district may use the last bit of ESSER funding for the purchase. All district curriculum is on a 4-year review cycle.
4. Other: Ms. Jacques anticipates presenting the DCAP to the subcommittee next month and the updated curriculum review cycle in the near future.

Mr. Omohundro moved to adjourn at 7:00pm, seconded by Dr. Slater. Vote: unanimous

Next Meetings: May 9th and June 13th, 2024, at 6:00pm