

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
TEACHING AND LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL  
February 13, 2020**

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Present at 6:00 p.m. were Maryann Welch (Chair), Jana deBeer, and Lyn Jacques. (Peter Hoyt had given prior notice that he would be absent.)

Ms. Welch called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Lyn Jacques, the Director of Teaching and Learning, provided each person in attendance with a folder including the agenda, an Amesbury Learning Walk Data Collection Sheet, the DCAP, a Revised Curriculum Review Cycle for each school, the first District Newsletter, the Teaching and Learning Goals 2019-2020, and a five-page memo which provided department updates and answers to the subcommittee's previously emailed questions.

Notable Highlights: Ms. Jacques shared what kinds of data the school's use and how they are starting to place them into pivot tables, with the help of Dr. Catarius and Mr. Costello, to view historical and varied data. Ms. Jacques said the elementary school teachers are still reviewing Wit and Wisdom and Reach for Reading. Her second department goal is to have the elementary teachers come to a consensus on which literacy program they wish to implement by March 30<sup>th</sup>, and have necessary PD on the literacy program by Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **The Teaching and Learning Subcommittee strongly supports the purchase of a new literacy program because our current program, Reading Street, has no evidence of effectiveness.** Ms. Jacques' third goal is to review, pilot, and implement both a new supplemental math program to increase students deep conceptual understanding of math; and to implement a new STEM-based science program in selected classes. **The Teaching and Learning Subcommittee strongly supports the purchase of ST Math for AMS and is pleased to announce that the district has been awarded a total of \$30,000 to implement Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a hands-on STEM unit program.** Next year one module of PLTW will be implemented in grades 5, 6, and 7. The APS leadership team is using the consolidated data from the walkthroughs to create PD for Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> and MAP trainings are ongoing. **The Teaching and Learning Subcommittee is excited to see the first APS Districtwide Newsletter whose mission is to celebrate your students and their work, spotlight our staff, inform the public on upcoming events, and highlight our initiatives.** There was discussion on the need for grants, Title I concerns (which Ms. Jacques will look into), and why APS has had difficulties in the past completing initiatives. For more details on our discussions, read Lyn Jacques memo titled "Teaching & Learning Answers and Updates" dated February 12, 2020.

Proposed next meeting is Tues, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6pm. Proposed topics are Professional Development, Curriculum Review Cycles, Subcommittee Responsibilities/Goals, and Teaching and Learning Updates.