

The New London Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting was held virtually via Zoom on August 20, 2024.

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Cruz, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Nathan Caron – Committee Member
Bianca Alexis-Sylvain – Committee Member

Absent for the Committee: Danni Cruz – Committee Chair

Present for the Administration: Dr. Jennifer Hills-Papetti – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Laurelle Texidor – Director of Academics

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Motion by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, seconded by Mr. Caron, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Motion carried, 2-0

4. Curriculum Updates

a) Discussion of World Language Curriculum Frameworks

Ms. Texidor shared that the resources for the framework are proficiency oriented, which look at the ways that language is learned including listening, speaking, reading and writing. She shared the summary templates that exist. She shared that while Connecticut only requires one year of a world language as a graduation requirement, as a district there is a desire for students to pursue multiple years and achieve the Seal of Biliteracy at graduation.

b) Open SciEd Curriculum

Dr. Hills-Papetti shared that materials have been shared with teachers. Some began to roll out the curriculum at the end of last year and loved the curriculum. Middle and High school teachers will receive professional development and practice with this new curriculum in the upcoming weeks. She shared that there is a year-to-year contract with this company. The information is open source, however, the teacher books were purchased for staff to have a physical resource.

c) Summer Curriculum Work

Dr. Hills-Papetti shared that there were 26 staff members working on curriculum across all grade levels. For the theatre curriculum, Ms. Lura Hepler led the charge creating and curating the curriculum. Dr. Hills-Papetti clarified that she only brought forward what has been completed at this point regarding curriculum.

5. Review and Approve the Following Curricula to be Recommended to the Full Board

a) Advanced Technical Theater

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, to approve the Advanced Technical Theater Curriculum.

Motion carried, 2-0

b) Advanced Acting

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, to approve the Advanced Acting Curriculum.

Motion carried, 2-0

c) Theatre Arts

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, to approve the Theatre Arts Curriculum.

Motion carried, 2-0

6. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Dates, and Committee Member Comments

Mr. Caron thanked Dr. Hills-Papetti for her work and the work of the staff, and shared that he is looking forward to these coming forward to the full Board for approval.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, seconded by Mr. Caron, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 2-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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