

The New London Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting was held virtually via Zoom on June 3, 2025.

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1. Call to Order

Mr. Cruz, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Danni Cruz – Committee Chair

Nathan Caron – Committee Member

Bianca Alexis-Sylvain – Committee Member

Present for the Administration:

Dr. Jennifer Hills-Papetti – Assistant Superintendent

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Mr. Cruz, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Curriculum Committee meeting.

Motion carried, 3-0

4. Curriculum Updates

a) Discussion of Sample ESOL I Unit I

Dr. Hills-Papetti shared the sample of the ESOL Unit. It was explained that the unit includes skills, content, compelling questions, and LAS standards. Using the developed units, actual lesson development will be completed in the summer and over the next school year. It was important to begin with the standards to ensure that the units were vertically aligned.

b) Summer Curriculum Work Overview

Dr. Hills-Papetti shared that in January the State adopted new standards for World Language curriculum. Ms. Texidor has been working on updating the curriculum to include and align the new requirements that have come out. This work will continue throughout the summer.

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

a) Grades 6-8 Social Studies Units

Dr. Hills-Papetti reviewed the curriculum units with the committee.

Motion by Mr. Cruz, seconded by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, to approve the following curricula and recommend to the full Board for approval:

- Grade 6, Unit 1 – Europe
- Grade 6, Unit 2 – East Asia
- Grade 7, Unit 1 – Africa
- Grade 7, Unit 2 – Oceania
- Grade 7, Unit 3 – North America
- Grade 7, Unit 4 – South America
- Grade 8, Unit 1 – Establishing an American Identity
- Grade 8, Unit 2 – Westward Expansion
- Grade 8, Unit 3 – Industrialization & Immigration
- Grade 8, Unit 4 – Sectionalism
- Grade 8, Unit 5 – Civil War
- Grade 8, Unit 6 - Reconstruction

Motion carried, 3-0

6. Committee Member Comments

Ms. Alexis-Sylvain thanked everyone for their work on this curriculum.

Mr. Caron agreed with Ms. Alexis-Sylvain. He also thanked Mr. Cruz for his leadership and guidance on this committee.

Mr. Cruz shared that it has been a long road, beginning as a student representative and then becoming the Chair of the committee. He expressed that he is thankful for the transformational work of Dr. Hills-Papetti and her team. He thanked Mr. Caron and Ms. Alexis-Sylvain for their work on the committee, and thanked Ms. Francolino for her support.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Mr. Cruz, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services