

Winchester Board Education

Type of Meeting: Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:30 pm

Location: Town Hall – Blue Room

Facilitator: Nora Mocarski

Committee Members: Kristin Peterson, Alexandra Propfe, Doug Pfenninger, and Tara Sundie

Invitees: Melony Brady-Shanley, Seamus Cullinan, Barbara Silverio, Rosanne Field, and Richard Dutton

Quorum: 4

I. Call to Order at 6:30 pm

II. Roll Call

Kristin Peterson, Alexandra Propfe, Doug Pfenninger, and Tara Sundie, Melony Brady-Shanley, Seamus Cullinan, Barbara Silverio, Rosanne Field, and Richard Dutton

III. Agenda Review

a) Review of Curriculum Committee Agenda – October 26, 2021

No changes.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a) Minutes of Curriculum Committee Minutes – June 7, 2021

MOTION to approve minutes from June 7, 2021

First: T. Sundie Second: N. Mocarski → U

V. New Business

a) Review of NWEA - 61st percentile Fall scores in reading and mathematics

MBS showed us the report teachers see and use in data teams. These were generalized reports without student names or specifics.

The report most frequently used by the school is “Class Report,” which is a report provided on students by a teacher’s class

“Low/LoAve” levels are approaching grade level.

This is nationally norm.

Example shared is for literature, informational text, vocabulary acquisition

Data teams use this data

An untimed test

Gilbert is still searching for a consistent measurement tool, grades 7-8.

Quadrant study chart shared.

Shows student growth and achievement scores.

Ex. Low growth, low achievement is not good news.

Yellow group - smart, but not pushing themselves.

Ideal: pushing themselves and growing.

RIT - Zone of proximal development. The point between knowing and not knowing answers. Once it's at this 50% balance, the test is done. This is the threshold for this student.

NWEA owns this software.

Kids are tested three times a year: Fall, Winter, Spring

There is no standardized score. There is a range, but it is normed. It is not standardized.

Questions are not available for teachers

Gives an external assessment of our students.

Can predict how they will do on SBAC

Then teachers develop goal-setting with the student using the Student Goal Setting Worksheet.”

Teachers then use resources available to support these deficiencies.

Question: How do you know NWEA is working? We look at the targets met by Spring.

Also, note we are using other assessments: Running Records and Bridges Math, etc.

NWEA is our benchmark, district-wide

We also have unit assessments

And interim assessments in alignment with SBAC - based upon the unit of study.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 7:06 pm

First: T. Sundie Second: K. Peterson → U.