

Winchester Board of Education

Type of Meeting: Curriculum Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:30 pm

Location: Pearson School

Facilitator: N. Mocarski

Quorum: 3

I. Call to Order at 6:36 pm

II. Roll Call

- a. PRESENT: N. Mocarski, D. Pfenninger, K. Peterson, S. Cullinan, B. Silverio, M. Brady-Shanley, Tara Sundie

III. Agenda Review

IV. New Business

- a. NWEA Science Standards Report - Winchester: 54.5%
  - i. Winchester did well compared to other schools in Alliance Districts and other Local Districts and Commissioner's Network [Handout]
  - ii. Of note, leading Region 10 and Thomaston
    - 1. Colebrook, Norfolk, Hartland - cohort is too small. Not released
    - 2. Behind only Kent (75%) and Litchfield (71%)
- b. NGSS - 5, 8, 11 - Spring 2019 test
  - 1. Pearson 54.5% of population of 5th at or above
    - a. These scores were higher than Math and ELA
    - b. State average: 53.6%. Winchester scored above
  - ii. Next steps
    - 1. Continue to roll out interim assessments
    - 2. Develop sequence of units
      - a. Open Sci Ed - Bill Malinda Gates/Carnegie grant - Training with Gilbert, 7th and 8th graders - we are using consultants from Texas to train our staff
      - b. PD training on one unit is extensive.
        - i. 6th-grade team teachers were trained on one unit in two days
        - ii. It was about a three-month unit to deliver
    - iii. Data teams by classroom analyzed the data and identified specific need groups
      - 1. Girls outperformed boys in every classroom, but it was negligible
      - 2. Hispanic populations and Special Education populations were in the lower ranges
- c. Lockdown Drills
  - i. Does it create more anxiety for students?
    - 1. There was a tabletop for adults only.
    - 2. We need to practice so that students and teachers know the plan during all parts of the day so that they know what to do. To normalize it, so it doesn't become scary. All grades done also to train substitutes.

3. Every three months - must have one lockdown drill. Report due to state to record and what the response was that day (well/to work on).
4. Last Spring - Winchester implemented tornado drill
5. The principal is on the intercom afterward to state this is a drill. The drill does not last long (usually 7 minutes).

V. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm
  - i. **MOTION** Kristin Peterson, Tara Sundie → U