

Winchester Board Education

Type of Meeting: Curriculum Committee Meeting - Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 6:30 pm.

Location: Town Hall, Blue Room

Meeting Facilitator: Nora Mocarski

Invitees: Melony Brady-Shanley, Douglas Pfenninger, Alexandra Propfe, Christine Royer, Nancy O'Dea Wyrick, Barb Silverio, Rosanne Field, Seamus Cullinan

Quorum - Curriculum Committee - Quorum needed: 3.

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Roll Call – A. Propfe, K. Peterson, D. Dutton, S. Cullinan, N. Mocarski, D. Pfenninger, C. Royer, R. Field, R. Manzer, M. Brady-Shanley
3. Open Issues
 - a) Presentation - Year 2 Science Roll Out
 - a. Rachael provided a detailed explanation of NGSS roll out. NGSS State Assessment – This year will be our baseline year. Equal weight will be given in science like math and reading. An NGSS Overview was provided to the committee, 3D Assessment and Design was provided as a reference for the team. Cross-Cutting Concepts are expected across all content areas. Application of concepts is the goal, no longer memorizing facts. How science is taught is the biggest shift with NGSS. You should see more critical thinking skills, solving real-world problems, etc. Science planning will take a long-term plan not a short-term plan. Our plan will build the capacity of teacher leaders. Professional learning will be targeted. There is no current publication that has adequate NGSS curriculum.
 - b. Presented the 6 Pillars in design the transition plan. All the pillars leading to the 3-D Implementation Plan.
 - c. Presented the Overview of the NGSS Transition Plan. Entire Administration Team attended the NGSS Overview Training. Attended Transition Planning workshops – Teams of teachers and administrators attended. The Transition Plan has had teacher input. Attended the 3D Assessment Workshop. Participated in the CONCEPT Grant and taught them how to write curriculum. We are nearly almost 100% of staff being inquiry trained. NGX standards training were attended to help teachers understand the new methodology of teaching. This year (2nd year), training continues, specialized PD is being offered for curriculum writing. NGSX2 focused on classroom application. Rachael and Dave will be trained in chemical hygiene next week.

- d. Reviewed the NGSS Curriculum Template. Crosscutting Concepts and connections are highlighted across multiple subject areas. Unit Storylines are the different lessons that need to be introduced. All storylines have a question that needs to be addressed. All units have a keystone text (reading always involved). Differentiated is purposefully integrated into the unit plan.
 - e. All grade levels are required to teach science at least 4x per week.
- b) Report out on October 5 PD - How did it go? Cover during BOE Meeting
- 4. Future collaborative plans with Gilbert?
 - c) **Walkthroughs including BOE? November 29, 2018, 8 AM -1 PM**
 - d) First impressions on SRBI Data – Next Curriculum Committee Agenda
5. Adjourn at 7:20 PM