

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

TSO Curriculum Conference Room

5:45 p.m.

Minutes

The CAPE subcommittee meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

Present: Colette Sturm, BOE; Bob Belden, BOE; Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent; Marc Balanda, Principal BHS; Deane Renda, Principal WMS; Joe Sapienza, Dept. Chair - Social Studies BHS; Mike Smith Social Studies teacher BHS; Aggie Burns, Curriculum Specialist- WMS

1. Discussion of Social Studies Curriculum:
 - a. The subcommittee reviewed the discussion from the previous CAPE meeting that centered on the Social Studies curriculum. It was agreed that Dr. Ruby, Mr. Renda, and appropriate members of the WMS faculty would meet to determine appropriate scenarios to manage time allotted to the instruction of a standards-aligned Social Studies curriculum in the middle school grades and balance that with the goals of the World Language Department's instructional time and the information gleaned from student assessments including DRP and SBAC.
 - b. Dr. Ruby, Mr. Renda, and Mr. Balanda will meet with Ms. Liz Spencer, World Language Department Chair.
 - c. The developed scenarios will be presented to CAPE and the BOE
2. Dr. Ruby gave a brief update on the upcoming November Professional Learning days and noted that the brochure of offerings had been published and distributed to the BOE members and faculty.
3. Mr. Balanda presented on information gleaned from the recent Connecticut Council on Educational Reform's workshop: The High School Principal: Leading for Innovation. Specifically, he reported on the Enrichment Model breakout session he attended, noting the advantages of the model and the potential alignment with the direction we are pursuing to provide differentiated opportunities for extended learning to all students within the framework of our school day. Mr. Balanda will do follow-up investigation to gather more information on the model and will report back at a future CAPE meeting.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Maureen Ruby
Assistant Superintendent