

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 20, 2020

Zoom Invitation- 5:45 p.m.

Minutes

Present: BOE Subcommittee members: Joy Greenstein, Jennifer Laden, Michael Murphy.
Faculty: Ms. Kemen Holley, K-12 Supervisor WL and TESOL; Mr. Keith Johnson, WL Teacher at WMS; Deb Farias, Director of Instruction, and Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Laden at 5:51 p.m.

Ms. Greenstein made a motion to amend the wording of an agenda item to “ensuring objectivity in the curriculum, sourcing of information with the teaching of current events and non-bias teaching” from “a discussion on diversity...” The motion was seconded by Michael Murphy and then unanimously approved.

There was no Public Comment.

The committee received a presentation by Mr. Keith Johnston, Foreign Language teacher at WMS on Grid Pals project. Mr. Johnston, Ms. Holley and Dr. Ruby provided comments on the district-wide technology integration professional learning teachers engaged in this year with our external consultant and the value thereof to our teachers and students. Mr. Johnston provided background and examples of his use of GridPals to provide WL students in Spanish and French with authentic language use opportunities through the use of technology and the students’ partnerships with peers in Europe and South America. Mr. Johnston has been invited to share his work with the full Board in June.

The committee next had a discussion led by Joy Greenstein and Michael Murphy focused on ensuring objectivity in the curriculum, sourcing of information with the teaching of current events and non-bias teaching. Dr. Ruby shared the work that the district has done in ensuring building leadership is knowledgeable about the Board’s related policy and how the Superintendent has supported the building leaders in the review of the policy and related regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ruby