

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
Town School Office

MINUTES

The CAPE subcommittee was called to order by Colette Sturm at 5:30 pm.

Present: Colette Sturm, Bob Belden, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maureen Ruby
Also present: Marc Balanda, Principal, Brookfield High School

BHS Principal Marc Balanda gave an update on the present Capstone program and discussed its future progression. The program is not sustainable in its current status due to waning faculty commitment, varying levels of Capstone proposal rigor, lack of faculty monitoring during project execution, and the potential for projects to create implications regarding state law and local BOE policy. In addition, the CSDE has pushed Capstone requirement for graduation to 2019. After much discussion, the CAPE subcommittee agreed that the Capstone project was in need of a full redesign. Because program redesign is not possible while continuing the Capstone program in its current status, the committee was in unanimous agreement to postpone it for the 2016-17 school year, utilizing the student committee and faculty input/resources to completely revamp the program.

Assistant Superintendent Maureen Ruby gave an update on the Math Curriculum Committee. The committee has received presentations by representatives of three math programs, and will be meeting on May 12th to review and discuss these presentations. Next step will be to agree upon a math curriculum and discuss the rollout progression, or opt to review additional programs.

Dr. Ruby additionally gave an update on the Social Studies curriculum work. The Social Studies Curriculum committee is moving forward in its objective to infuse the inquiry-based approach to the current curriculum.

An update on planned professional development to support curriculum enhancements was presented.

The upcoming CAPE meeting schedule was discussed. CAPE will be meeting at its regular meeting time of the third Tuesday of the month at 5:45 for May, June, and July.

Meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Sturm, Chairman
CAPE Subcommittee