

MINUTES
CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION (CAPE) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 9th, 2022

Town School Offices

6:10pm

Present: Michael Murphy, Rosa Fernandes, Debbie Brooks, Dr. Anna Mahon

Michael Murphy called the meeting to order 6:11 PM

1. Public Comment: None

2. Instructional Coaching:

- Dr. Mahon gave an overview of the ConnectHub platform, which allows the instructional coaches to document their interactions and the subject of those interactions between all teachers and coaches.
- The platform is administered by Jackie Whiting, and overseen by Dr. Mahon.

3. SEL assessment

- Dr. Mahon led a discussion on the District's plan to begin assessing our students' SEL competencies in order to begin reviewing the efficacy of the RULER program in our schools.
- Amy DeNicola-Hickman, Director of Pupil Personnel, was able to connect the District with a CT State Department of Education(CSDE)-sponsored pilot assessment program called [DESSA](#) (part of the Aperture Company). DESSA stands for Devereux Student Strengths Assessment and assesses eight social and emotional competencies. It is intended o help educators plan instruction, document students' strengths and areas of need, inform progress monitoring, and evaluate program outcomes, according to the Rand Corporation program review.
- The plan for the 22-23 school year is to complete both a pre and post mini assessment at each school (K-12 students) in order to establish a baseline of data regarding SEL competencies.
- More information will be presented to the full BOE prior to the implementation of the pilot program in Brookfield Public Schools.

4. CT State Dept of Education k-3 reading assessment and program update

- Dr. Mahon updated us on the new requirements for the approach to K-3 reading.
- It's broken down into 2 parts: screening assessment and programmatic approach.
- For the assessment, BPS is already in compliance through our use of Acadience.
- For programming, the state is continuing to update the requirements and adjusting expectations for public school districts. Dr. Mahon informed us that the immediate plan is to apply for a state waiver for the 2023-2024 school year which will allow the District the time we need to research, pilot, and invest in an appropriate reading program that will serve the needs of Brookfield public school students as well as match CSDE requirements.

5. Adjourn 6:59pm

Signed Dr. Michael Murphy
CAPE sub committee chair