

## **CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
HHES (Media Center) - 5:45 p.m.

### **Minutes**

Present: Rosa Fernandes, Joy Greenstein, Jennifer Laden – BOE CAPE Subcommittee  
Marc Balanda, BHS Principal; Debbie Farias, Director of Instruction; Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by Chairwoman Jennifer Laden.

Mr. Marc Balanda, Principal of BHS presented on:  
a. Impact of Mastery-based Diploma Assessment  
b. 2020-21 Schedule proposal

Regarding the mastery based diploma, Mr. Balanda presented a document from Great Schools Partnership which outlined several strategy examples for mastery based diploma assessment. The pros and cons of each were discussed. Information regarding the BHS Mastery Based Diploma Assessment committee's work thus far, including information gleaned from visitations to other districts, was shared. CAPE determined that the first strategy example from The Great Schools Partnership, establishment of a separate class, was the most appropriate for our seniors. Mr. Balanda will be returning to CAPE at a future meeting to share a proposal/action plan for the BHS Mastery-based Diploma assessment.

Additionally, given the state's change in the timeline for implementation, the committee agreed to align BHS' rollout of the Mastery-based Diploma assessment with the state's timeline. The class of 2023 would be the first class to experience this assessment.

Mr. Balanda next addressed proposed scheduling changes for BHS. The proposed change provides for an Enrichment and Intervention Block. The proposed change results in a differences in instructional time (-455 minutes [7.5 hours]), an increase in intervention/enrichment time 9+6615 minutes [110.25 hours]), and Planned Advisory/Mentor Mondays (+1480 minutes [24 hours]). Mr. Balanda will be bringing this proposal back to CAPE again in the BHS Program of Studies proposal.

Debbie Farias gave an update on the roll out of professional learning for parents regarding the K-4 standards-aligned reporting for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Meetings with parents were held at both CES and HHES and materials, including a narrated PowerPoint and Parent Handbook are available online, Additional parent training sessions are planned.

Maureen Ruby provided an update on the Word of the Week Program, which launched in the beginning of November. Area businesses, the Senior Center, and private schools in Brookfield are among the participants.

The math labs at WMS are piloting ST Math to support students who are enrolled in Math Lab. The pilot has been made available to WMS at no charge for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Adjournment of the meeting was called at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Maureen Ruby  
Assistant Superintendent