

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2018**

The March 19, 2018 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 6:01 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Sarah Hernandez and Ashley Depeau
Absent: None
Also Present: Michelle Middleton, John Dague, Steve Sargalski, Deb Gaskell and Chris Ponte
Audience: None

Pathways Presentation

Mr. Dague provided the committee with a handout with a list of all courses at EHS with the potential for college credit. This list was broken down by AP, ACC, Charter Oak, UCONN, and UNH. Mr. Dague explained the newly approved EMT certificate program that will take place at Asnuntuck beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. This is a two-credit course and all student requirements were explained. The College Career Pathways was explained. This option allows students to take certain courses at EHS and then fill out an application to have ACC grant credits for these courses. For ACC to grant these credits, students must have a certain score on the Accuplacer test or on SAT/ACT math. Mr. Dague reviewed the College Connections program. This is integrated with EPS's five-year program with Asnuntuck. The goal of this program is for students to have enough credits by the end of high school that their first year of ACC is completed. It was explained that our enrollment numbers for College Connections has been increasing over the past few years.

Committee members asked if Mr. Dague could share this presentation at a Board of Education meeting.

JFK Looping Discussion

Mr. Sargalski, Mr. Ponte, and Ms. Gaskell delivered a presentation to committee members proposing the elimination of looping in Grades 7 and 8 at JFK. The presentation discussed curriculum mastery, expertise vs. familiarity, and an explanation of recent instructional shifts for some subjects (i.e. science, English, social studies, and math). The JFK team also discussed some of the school climate initiatives at JFK that help students build relationships. They also discussed staff feedback; the JFK team said the majority of teachers supported the elimination of looping.

Committee members asked if students would move together as a group. This piece has not been decided upon yet, but it was stated that having students not move together would allow more opportunities to work with different groups of people and maximize students' exposure to their peers. This discussion was tabled for a future time.

Items from the Table - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
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