

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Browe, Diane Crocco, Mr. Steve DeMaio, Ms. Rita Gedansky and Mr. Tom Hurley.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Staff members present: Dr. Marie McPaddon.

Also present: Mrs. Ruth Natzel.

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Thursday, January 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room at the Amity District Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Browe called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Dr. McPadden updated the committee on all the items on the agenda.

2. **ATLAS curriculum update**

The parent portal is working well, much collaboration between teaching staff. Bethany and Orange have ATLAS as well which helps in looking curriculum alignment from K through 12.

The Committee suggested that there should be one portal or one web site for assignments and homework; right now there are multiple web sites in use now for this. Ms. McPadden will follow up.

3. **STAR universal assessment update**

Assessment tool is good, takes about 25 minutes to complete. Parent reports will be going home soon and there will be a "parent university" conducted by Dr. Dumais.

4. **SBAC/CMT/CAPT**

SAT will be only for juniors, administered in March when the State approves which should happen in October.

SBAC testing for middle school students has a large window, March through June. The concern is that the results will not be as good if the testing is done early, versus later.

CMT science scores for 8th grade were excellent; high school was slightly down.

5. **Professional development update**

This took place in August and went very well. Goals for the year were formed and will be followed during the year. With the use of PowerSchool synced with STAR, the goals can be tracked.

6. **District Steering Committee Meeting – October 01, 2015 3:00 pm**

There is a parent representative from each town along with teachers and administrators; there also needs to be one Board member present. Mr. Browe will attend.

7. **District Wellness Committee Meeting – October 20, 2015 1:00 pm**

This committee requires a parent from each middle school, and a student from the high school and a Board member to along with teachers and staff to work on revisions to the current wellness policy. Ms. Gedansky will attend.

8. **BOWA Update**

November and March, specialty area teachers have been invited to meet on two professional development days.

Dr. McPadden is meeting on Monday morning with Bethany and Orange to look over the STAR data.

9. Other

Dr. McPadden received a packet from the State of many more legal mandates and she will be working with BOWA to accomplish what is required; in particular, dyslexia, the diagnosis and treatment of it, is addressed. Some of the other mandates are CPR training, English language learners and reading tests.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Crocco , 2nd by Ms. Gedansky at 6 :55 p.m.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk