

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Christopher Browe (arrived 6:56 pm), Ms. Robyn Berke, Ms. Shannan Carlson, Ms. Paula Cofrancesco, and Ms. Amy Esposito.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**Board of Education members present:** Mr. Tom Hurley, ex-officio.

**Staff members present:** Dr. E. Marie McPadden, Ms. Anna Mahon, and Ms. Lisa Lassen.

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Wednesday, September 06, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Presentation Room at the Amity District Offices.

**1. Call to order:** Ms. Esposito called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes – March 09, 2017**

Motion by Ms. Cofrancesco, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Berke to approve the minutes as submitted.

One typographical error should be corrected, bottom of page 1, “y” should be “by.”

**Vote in favor to accept the minutes as amended, 4, Ms. Berke, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Esposito, and Mr. Hurley**

**Opposed, 0**

**Abstain, 1, Ms. Cofrancesco**

**Motion carried**

*Minutes were corrected and re-submitted*

**3. 2016-2017 test score presentation**

Dr. McPadden and Ms. Lassen presented the test scores from 2016-2017 from multiple standardized tests taken by Amity students. Highlights of the presentation were:

- The scores for the Smarter Balanced Assessment CT (SBAC) in English Language Arts and Math for middle school and high school students showed an increase in the percentages of students who met or exceeded the goal from previous years.
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for high school students showed an increase in the percentages of students who met or exceeded the goal from previous years; English went from 577 to 588 and Math from 563 to 578.
- Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) scores for grades 5 and 8 showed an increase in the percentage of students who met or exceeded the goal from previous years, 79% to 87%.
- Connecticut Academic Performance Test scores for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students showed a decrease in the percentage of students who met or exceeded the goal, from 76.5% to 67%.

Dr. McPadden noted that this was the last year for the CAPT test, and it will be replaced by the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment (NGSS) pilot test for grades 5, 8, and 11, which will be administered in May 2018.

Dr. McPadden concluded the presentation with the assessment cycle for moving forward: Assessment, Report and Review, Plan, and Implementation. She discussed the specifics of all four of these points with the Committee.

Committee members asked questions and discussed the test results and their implications. Dr. McPadden, Ms. Lassen, and Ms. Mahon answered questions from the Committee. Dr. McPadden asked for suggestions and feedback regarding

the presentation, which will be presented to the full Board on September 11<sup>th</sup>. A few additions to the presentation were suggested, which will be added.

Mr. Browe thanked Dr. McPadden and Ms. Lassen for their excellent work in regards to the presentation.

There was further discussion regarding standardized testing in general and brainstorming together about possible strategies and resources that could be offered by the District to all students to help improve their test-taking skills and thus improve their scores. A number of good suggestions were made, and Dr. McPadden will explore the possibilities.

**4. Other – None**

**5. Adjourn**

***Motion by Ms. Esposito, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Cofrancesco, to adjourn at 7:50 pm.***

**Vote in favor, 5, Ms. Berke, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Esposito and Mr. Hurley  
Opposed, 0**

**Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk