

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 1, 2007, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Central Office

Minutes to be taken by: Ann Lang

Members in attendance: Deb White, Priscilla Luoma, Robert Baranoff, Eric Larson, Chrissy Roelofsen, Mim Wagner, Melissa Steinhilper, Mike Susi, Charles Macunas, Patty Muzzulin, Janice Gordon, Linda Phelan, Gary Mala

ITEM

PRESENTER

07-59 Introductions

All

07-60 2007-2008 Instructional Schedule for HKMS – Approval

Mim Wagner, Michael Susi,
Patty Muzzulin

Mim distributed the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Guiding Principles report, noting that the Transition Committee approved it and the attached bell schedule last week without any changes. At the Board's request they again discussed the rotating schedule but did not change it. Teachers will absorb the passing time into their class time. Mim noted that she subtracts passing time from class time when completing the Strategic School Profile report. Time is gained back when classes are back to back.

Gary noted the plan will require speaking with the teachers' association and asked about a back-up option if the association does not agree with the proposed changes. Mim noted grades seven and eight would proceed as is and grades five and six would follow the schedule they currently follow at the elementary schools. Deb White stated that she does not see any problem with the schedule because it is only a matter of changing some wording in the teachers' contract. Teachers would still be in front of students for the same amount of time. Mim noted there was an open dialogue at the Transition Committee meeting regarding any concerns and a member of the committee who is also in the association stated that she did not anticipate any problem.

Mim noted that under this plan, there are no pull-outs from academic subjects. She also noted that team planning time is pivotal in order to allow teachers to do targeted instruction based on students needs and assessments. Mim noted that the rotation is due to the lunch times. Gary does not favor rotation and asked about options and what other schools do. Mike Susi and Mim reviewed the schedules of the schools they checked into. Mike noted that there is no "one-size-fits-all" plan. The committee took parts of a number of plans to create a schedule they felt would work well for the middle school

The Curriculum Council had no objection to the report that was presented.

07-61 Questions and Answers

All

07-62 Next Meeting: June 5, 2007

Agenda:

1. Discussion of possible Middle School non-athletic, co-curricular program offerings
2. Task Force updates
3. LEAP Program update

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.