

*REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17*  
**CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
Tuesday, October 3, 2006, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lower Media Center, HKHS

Minutes taken by Ann Lang

Members in attendance: Amy Jacques-Purdy, Robert Baranoff, John O’Leary, Jane Dion, Patty Muzzulin, Tony Bergantino, Mindy Otis, Priscilla Luoma, Rita Peretto, Karen Ockasi, Debbie White, Linda Monroe, Janice Gordon, Melissa Steinhilper, Linda Phelan, Charles Macunas, Corey Borzain, Eric Larson, Mim Wagner, and Gary Mala

**ITEM**

**PRESENTER**

07-01            Introductions

All

07-02            Grade Reporting, K-8

Eric Larson, Jane Dion, Mim Wagner

*...Mr. Mala stated that the grade reporting group has been working for approximately 15 months on the new K-8 report cards and noted this will change the amount and kinds of information parents receive on their child’s progress.*

*...Eric Larson thanked the administrators and members of the K-8 Report Card Committee for their work. He noted that the current report cards no longer accurately reflect the current curriculum. The new report cards are standards-based. He reviewed the work of the committee, which began in July 2005. All curriculum was aligned with the Connecticut Frameworks and either the CMT or CAPT. The committee reviewed a variety of report cards and formats from across the country and around the state and parents and teachers were surveyed. In addition, the committee reviewed K-12 content areas to make sure there were no gaps or redundancy. Drafts were discussed at grade level meetings and professional development workshops. The report cards were finalized over the summer and a presentation will be made to the Board of Education at their meeting this evening.*

*...Eric Larson feels that the social studies curriculum will have to be reviewed. Jane Dion and Patty Muzzulin noted that they met with Charles Macunas yesterday. He is trying to contact someone at the state to see if they intend to create a new framework. Until an answer is received, there is no reason to begin reviewing the curriculum.*

*...Jane Dion distributed the K-8 report cards and stated that meetings to explain the new report cards will be held with parents on October 24 and 25 at HES and BES and some time during that week at KES. In addition, there will be presentations at staff meetings at each elementary school.*

*...Mim Wagner noted that the middle school’s presentation to parents has yet to be determined. She noted that the middle school will be switching to trimesters. She stated that the new report cards will be used to drive instructional practices.*

*...Gary Mala reported that he has spoken with the representative from MMS. They have all of the documents. The district owns the software, which can be customized as needed. He noted that one of the features of the software is giving parents access to looking at their child’s progress on a web site. Training will be given on November 7.*

07-03            Task Force Updates & Timeline for 2006-2007

All

a.            Elementary World Language Program: Gary Mala, Michael Susi & Corey Borzain, Chairs

*...A meeting has been scheduled for next Thursday.*

b.            District Accommodation Plan: Gary Mala, Chair

*...Gary Mala is adding the missing pages from last year.*

