

Regional School District No. 17

Board of Education

Policy-Curriculum Subcommittee Minutes

Co-Chairs: Dr. Nelson Rivera (Policy) & Dr. Kathleen Zandi (Curriculum)

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Policy-Curriculum Subcommittee was held on January 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Subcommittee Members Present: Kathleen Zandi(Co-Chair-Curriculum), Lisa Connelly, Joel D'Angelo (left 6:34), and Corey Roberts

Subcommittee Members Absent: Nelson Rivera(Co-Chair-Policy)

Also present: Curriculum Coordinators Jennifer Beermuender and Heather Rigatti

1. Call to Order/Opening of the Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Kathy Zandi (Co-Chair-Curriculum).

2. HKMS Course Update: Personal Finance, Sports Wellness

Heather Rigatti presented information on HKMS course updates including Personal Finance and Sports Wellness. Both classes are electives and have little or no impact on the budget. The presentation also included the alignment of the courses with the priorities and objectives in RSD17's Strategic Plan.

3. Textbook Pilot: K-12 Health

Jennifer Beermuender presented on the K-12 Health Textbook Pilot, which will align RSD 17's Health Education curriculum with CT state standards with a shift toward skill-based instruction.

4. Reconsideration of Instructional Materials

Jennifer Beermuender presented and the committee discussed the new guidelines and procedures for students, employees, or residents to express informal concern or formal request for reconsideration of instructional resources and/or materials.

5. Update on Reading Waiver Process

The waiver is currently being written and will be submitted to the committee on February 28, 2023.

6. Curriculum Council Process

The curriculum coordinators presented on the newly developed Curriculum Council and Development and Renewal Process, through which a group of approximately 25 district

educators will meet regularly to assess and keep curriculum current and aligned with the Strategic Plan in a data-driven way. The prediction of additional cost to the district will be included in the budget presentation.

7. Explanation of HS Course Process Moving Forward

Any additional courses will be shared with the Curriculum Subcommittee and then the entire Board before course selections for the 2024-25 school year. The entire HKHS Opportunities Book will be provided as a backdrop for all current and future courses, which will be explained in reference to the Vision of the Graduate, Strategic Operating Plan, and budget implications.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.