

Curriculum Committee Minutes
May 22, 2019

- I. Present: Mrs. Cindy Luty - chair, Dr. Ivy Davis-Tomczuk, Dr. Roy Seitsinger, Mr. Ray Bernier, Mrs. Deborah Grabarek
- II. Public Comment: none
- III. Approval of the October 2018 minutes
Grabarek/Luty
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Science survey results
 1. Dr. Davis-T. reviewed the results of the teachers' survey regarding NGSS Instruction and professional development. Included are resources currently being used, additional resources that would help to develop unit plans or lesson plans, instructional resources or materials needed to teach the lessons, and professional development activities that would help to better deliver science instruction.
 2. The results indicated that teachers are looking at what resources are available to them which they are incorporating into instruction. There continues to be a need for more and the goal is to provide what is needed to ensure a successful science program that satisfies the standards of NGS.
 3. NGS curriculum unit plans are due June 7th and when they are completed they will be posted to the website, which will complete the science curriculum revisions.
 - B. Preschool curriculum revisions
 1. The preschool curriculum is completed and will be on the agenda for the June BOE meeting.
 - C. NAEYC update
 1. Mr. Bernier reported that they are completing the year one self-study.
 2. Next year will be focused on beginning the process of application for NAEYC accreditation.
 3. The third year will complete the process.
 - D. Math in Focus
 1. PD was done in March with separate presentations for grades PK -2, 3-5, and 6-8, which completes all of the available PD for Math in Focus.
- V. New Business
 - A.
 1. The revised science report card standards and benchmarks are currently in draft form for grades K-8.
 - B. Science PD
 1. Norwich received a grant that will enable coaching services to surrounding districts, including Preston. We will receive science/stem coaching from an experienced professional who will be working with the elementary teachers .
 2. The Connecticut State Department of Education and the Connecticut Science

Center have partnered on supporting the Next Generation Science Standards. A series of 5 workshops were attended by the middle school teachers this year. The plan is for teachers to continue in the series in the coming school year. The cost of the training was provided by the Title IV Grant.

C. Writing in the Elementary grades

1. A program called Grammar Revolution was presented for consideration as a possible additional resource and support in conjunction with the approved curricula for reading, writing, spelling and grammar.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Grabarek/Luty