

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTERBURY, CONNECTICUT**

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School-Cafeteria

Approved 4-9-2019

CURRICULUM/PUPIL SERVICE MEETING

A. Call of Quorum

In attendance from the Board of Education (BOE): Tom Duford, BOE Member

Also in Attendance: Lois DaSilva-Knapton, Superintendent; Sarah Cary, CES Principal; Jeff Ferranti, Director of Pupil Service; Ryan Earley, Principal BMS; Beth O'Connor, Teacher BMS, Courtney Langlois, Teacher CES;

Establishment of a Quorum will be one (1) BOE member

Tom Duford, BOE Member called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

B. Curriculum Review Schedule

Dr. DaSilva-Knapton passed out curriculum review schedule from CES and BMS. The documents were reviewed and discussed.

C. SEPAC Update

Mr. Ferranti gave a brief update on the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. There are five (5) SEPAC officers.

Mr. Ferranti discussed the role of SEPAC. The Parent Advisory Council had one meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for April 25th 6-7:30 pm. Representatives from The elementary school, middle school, and high school parents and a Special Education representative. This is run by the State not the schools; we will try to work more closely with other towns.

D. Open Discussion

The Superintendent opened the discussion with the topic of "*how can we bring students back to our district*"? Students are placed out of district by a PPT, this is a team decision and if we were to bring any students back would need programs for them. The students would need to have similar needs and similar grade level.

The following curriculum items were discussed:

- Math remedial
- Journeys grade 3 and 4
- Math recovery
- SEL (social emotional learning)
- Safety-care

- Crisis Prevention , PMT de-escalation programs

Principal Cary, Pupil Service Director Ferranti, and Social Worker Musumeci attended a two day professional development on Restorative Practice, the workshop was helpful.

Tom Dufort said we should develop a relationship with our surrounding towns. Work with them to build a program, students will have more of a connection. We should look at K-3 population. EASTCONN is currently working with CES.

We discussed the need to implement more social emotional learning opportunities *Social Thinking* is one curriculum for SEL.

Beth O'Connor said that the curriculum is not what it used to be when teachers were handed a curriculum and pacing guide. She stated we need to address our current curriculum before we add new curriculum. Courtney Langlois said for PK they have information from the State and NAEYC. Sarah wants to make sure we all know exactly what we are teaching and assess the students so they can focus on what is necessary.

E. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Lois DaSilva-Knapton, Superintendent of Schools