

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting
Lyman Memorial High School Library
October 11, 2022 - 6:45pm
MINUTES**

In attendance: Dawn Whitcher, Bruce Calef, Sarah Haynes, Danelle Person, chair. Andy Gonzalez, Superintendent, Rita Quiles-Glover, Curriculum Director

- I. Call to Order at 6:45.**
- II. Grant Updates:** Rita applied for 4 Grants for the '23-'24 school year. Title I (~\$142,000 to be used for an ELA or Math teacher (salary and benefits) and Title II (~\$25,000 for PD for ELA/ Math) were approved: Still awaiting results for Title III (~\$1,100 ELL) & IV (~\$10,000 to be used for technology such as Drones or Open Sci-Ed.)
- III. October PD/ District PD updates:** IAs were included in Professional Development for Pre-K Science inquiry, i-Ready training for LES and LMS, Inclusive Training for LMS & LMHS, and SEL curriculum Choose Love with Virtual Training for LMS and LMHS.
- IV. Serve Safe Accreditation for ASTE:** The ASTE program looks to receive training and accreditation from the National Restaurant Association for their foods classes in November. This provides teachers with training in Food safety. There is potential for our Foods & Nutrition classes to have this same training and accreditation in the future. This is good news to attract students interested in culinary careers.
- V. New Course Textbook for Foods & Nutrition in Sports & Exercise:** Completing the formal process of purchasing a textbook for our new course, Rita presented the textbook requested from Ms. Kiselica. This textbook was already budgeted for the current year as the course was approved and will take place in the spring semester. 30 copies are requested for \$12.49 each. "Sports & Nutrition for Young Adults" Copyright 2020. Per Board policy this textbook will be on display for 30 days (beginning October 12) at the Jonathan Trumbull library for community input. Pending approval at the next subcommittee meeting and Board of Education monthly meeting in November.
- VI. Follow up from last meeting:**
 - A. Website: school website www.lebanonct.org continues to be updated with curriculum additions. Please review and submit questions to Rita.
 - B. Reading Program: The SDE is requiring schools to use one of 5-6 new reading programs for Grade K-3 by 2024. These programs were recommended due to scientific research conducted at the state level. Of 122 school districts in CT only twelve are currently using any of these programs. It is the opinion of many districts that this is a government overreach of local control. Superintendent Gonzalez has filed for a waiver to delay as these new programs are a budgetary concern. Lebanon's achievement scores show success in the programs we are currently using. Question from the committee: Are there repercussions if we do not use them? A list of these programs was requested by Danelle for those who are interested in checking them out.
 - C. Drone & Turf course update: Pictures were shared showing classes in action.
 - D. NGSS: Concern was raised at the last meeting about low achievement science scores at Lyman. Staff will be working to better align our materials and units with assessments, tests will be given in science rooms rather than the cafeteria, and tests will be administered in February rather than in the midst of other assessments.
- VII. Next agenda:** Updates on Grants, K-3 Reading program, new courses, DESSA district wide, NWEA/ PSAT data results, SRO district wide work, Textbook recommendation.
- VIII. Adjourned at 7:18.** Submitted by Danelle Person.