

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting**  
**Lebanon Middle School Library**  
**November 9, 2022 4:30pm**  
**MINUTES**

In attendance: Dawn Witcher, Bruce Calef, Danelle Person, chair. Andy Gonzalez, Superintendent, Rita Quiles-Glover, Curriculum Director, James Apicelli Principal, SRO Slonski, Catherine Hunt, Genevieve Nowosad, Zach Johnson

- I. Danelle called the meeting to order: 4:30pm
- II. New Course proposals at LMHS: Three teachers from Lyman presented their proposed courses: AP Environmental Science, AP Pre-Calculus, and Media Literacy. There are currently Honors level classes for the two AP classes proposed but this will allow college credits for students. AP Pre-Calc would be available to Sophomores and would be encouraged as it prepares them for the AP Calculus class in a non-threatening way. The Environmental Science class would have extra costs for lab materials and AP training fees totaling approximately \$4200 initially, with \$1500 in labs going forward. The course may be offered every other year. Currently, for Science, LMHS offers AP Physics and AP Chemistry. Media literacy class will be offered as an elective for Grades 9-12, discussing important current events and critical thinking with a digital citizenship component. No additional funding needed. The Curriculum subcommittee recommends adopting these three courses for 2023-2024 year.
- III. SRO District Wide work: The committee invited Officer Slonski to share highlights of his work in district: He shared how he is used as a "resource" for our community: LES: Personal Relations with students and building rapport, LMS: talking with students re: public safety issues, behaviors in their school community as well as the greater community, LMHS: Resource for parents and admins re: traffic violations and safety, X-block work with students: current events, cases, cruiser demonstrations, discussions, Parental support: Follows up with our Social Worker Sabena Escott. Staff: Fire/ Safety drills presence and training. The committee recommended he visit the Drone class to share drone use in law enforcement, and thanked him for all his help in district and town.
- IV. Textbook recommendation: The committee approved the Sports Nutrition textbook for our new course starting this spring. It has been on public display at the Jonathan Trumbull Library.
- V. NWEA data results: Jay shared the results of the fall 9th and 10th grade assessment. This is the first assessment seen by Freshmen and is a different testing module than they are used to (I-ready is used now grades K-8). Jay will be working on possible incentives to get these students more engaged in them. Tests will occur in the winter and spring as well. Rita is meeting with Department Heads in December with an I-Ready consultant to share the possibility of switching to I-Ready for the upcoming school year.
- VI. Updates: Grants: Title III and IV: no news yet due to lack of staff at state level.  
K-3 Reading Program: Rita and Stephanie DeLucia attended a book fair at CREC today to see the program options the state is mandating. Prices for programs have not been revealed. These new programs focus on the "Science of Reading" vs the "Reader/ Writer Workshop" methods that we use at LES. Although Superintendent Gonzalez submitted a waiver for this, Rita is being proactive to be prepared should this mandate continue and waiver is denied..  
Assessment: State Legislation: New requirements from CSDE for K-3 assessments. Currently LPS uses a free assessment ("Dibels"). The new assessment legislated by the state costs approximately \$4000 but could be covered by a grant. Rita has had conversations with staff about eliminating some assessments since we have i-Ready, Dibels, BAS, etc. and now a new one.
- VII. Items for next agenda: DESSA (Social emotional learning results)
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:08.  
Respectfully submitted, Danelle Person, Subcommittee Chair