

**Lebanon Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting
Lebanon Middle School Library
June 5, 2023- 4pm**

MINUTES

In attendance: John Konow, Sarah Haynes, Rita Quiles-Glover, Dawn DeLia, Superintendent Gonzalez, James Apicelli, Jessica Scorso, Danelle Person.

I. Danelle called the meeting to order at 4:01

II. English Language Learners Update: Rita was happy to report that four students passed the Seal of Biliteracy test in both English and a second language. 2 Seniors and 2 Juniors. Their diplomas will include this seal. Also, as of today, 5 current students are considered ELL and are receiving supports.

III. Assessment Audit: Rita presented an audit of the assessments for K-12 due to concerns about how much time is spent in the classroom with testing. The document was initially drafted by a former Curriculum Director in 2012. Updates were made differentiating between Standard and non-standardized tests, and state mandated tests vs none. It was noted that not all assessments are performed by the students, as some are done in observation by the teacher. Andy and Danelle requested that an estimate be made to show percent or hours of class time that is used for each. Sarah wondered the teachers/ admins feelings about these. Rita suggested the timing of some assessments could also be altered.

IV. Updates to the reading mandate pilot team: A committee of 9 teachers is working on choosing a program(s) to pilot fall of '23 with decision to be made in March. Narrowed down to *Savvas MyView Literacy* and *HMH Into Reading* based on our goals/ needs in LES. Next up is ordering materials and training staff for the pilot team.

V. PD Recap: SEL 5/26 was a huge success. Many fun and stress-free activities for the staff. Future PD includes: summer PD work for AP courses, ELA and SS curriculum. A Survey for PD is going out.

VI. Cycle Review update: Rita updated the cycle review calendar to reflect 2023-2024 plans. Jay also added that NEASC accreditation plans for Lyman being in late spring/ early fall with visits in 2025.

VII. Testing updates (SAT, Freshman PSAT, SBAC): Jay gave updates on PSAT scores of freshmen: They outperformed or were equal to the state or national average. He believes incentives such as "75 percentile or higher= NO mid-term or final exam" helped motivate students. SBAC results are in but not publicly shared yet. All SAT/ PSAT will be digital with built in tools such as a calculator. NGSS test results are up, Jay believes in part due to the change of testing site/ environment.

VIII. Reflection of the progress made: Admins highlighted new courses implemented this year as well as computer labs, barn, use of drones in school activities, positive feedback from students, and school featured on Channel 8 news, website updates, etc.

IX. Extending the Flexibilities for Implementing the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation: This was adopted and will be an action item on the agenda. The PLEC committee will be meeting to revise the new teacher eval/ admin for 23-24 school year.

X. Next steps for the upcoming year: All teams will meet. Pacing guides for I-Ready on ELA & Math will be made. Website will continue to be updated with any curriculum changes. Curriculum work for reading, SS focus on ELA/ ELL will continue. Diane Ayer will present ideas for ELA. Times devoted to standardized assessments will be calculated and included in Assessment audit, policies involving teachers/ curriculum will be published/ distributed to appropriate staff as they are changed. Danelle/ Sarah requested work be done to revise report cards in Grades K-8.

XI. Danelle adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm

Submitted by,
Danelle Person, Subcommittee Chair