

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**DECEMBER 12, 2023 4:30PM**

**Attendance:** Sarah Haynes, Danelle Person

**Also in attendance:** Rita Quiles-Glover, Dawn DeLia, Chad Johnson, James Apicelli, Sue Mike, Diane Ayer, Joel Kuczynski

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 by Danelle.

II. New ELA Course Proposal: ELA teachers Diane Ayer and Joel Kuczynski presented two .5 credit elective course proposals starting in the 2024 school year. Graphic Novel and Nature & Animals in Literature were the top two new topics selected by students. Graphic Novel would specifically appeal to students who are reluctant readers and are visual learners. Nature & Animals would be appealing especially to our Ag-Sci students and our farming community and helps with multidisciplinary applications. This would also meet the goals found in the 2020 Town plan of conservation and development, including more agriculture topics in our curriculum. Estimated costs for additional materials would be \$15,500. Rita says this amount is budgeted for ELA. This will be an Action item at the next Board meeting.

III. PD Share of October/ November: Rita shared many topics covered in PD throughout the last two months including: new report cards for PreK, Restorative practices with help from Kris Wright(received SBDI Grant), Science Center and Open Sci-Ed training, attendance training including roles of teachers/ admins in reaching out, Science of Reading work, and work with Diane Dugas, Director of Eastconn Leading and Learning Division, with the teacher evaluation committee.

IV. Reading Mandate Update: Rita said work on the Savvas pilot program is in its third month. Grade 2-4 teachers like the varied text and grammar inclusion. The PD/customer service included in the program is extremely helpful. Various grades will be piloting the HMH program beginning in January. Lebanon has secured two grants to help secure these programs: \$87,000 and \$30,000. Total program could cost \$112K- \$173K, however.

V. i-Ready Year 2 Update: K-8 is doing a great job following this program with fidelity. K-1 teachers like the new enhanced program which includes more hands-on learning experiences and centers. LMS, in their second year, recently worked with an I-Ready consultant and were able to co-teach as well as observe student discourse. The focus was on "glows and grows" to help facilitate meaningful mathematical discourse. In January, I-Ready will support midyear data analysis and planning for K-8 teachers.

VI. LMS Health Curriculum update: To meet state Health mandates, Mr. Johnson has worked with Mr. Gaucher to schedule each grade into a one day per week Health class for one quarter. Topics include: Healthy habits, stress, relationships, human growth & development. Ms. Castillo and Mr. Gaucher attended the CAHPERD conference where they were able to gather several resources to help with revised state health standards. Mr. Gaucher purchased Project School Wellness to help support instruction.

Items for next agenda: DESSA results, Lyman ELA dept update, and LES Reading update.

VII: Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Danelle Person, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair