ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2016

The April 13, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 5:00 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Stacy Thurston and Ray Peabody

Also Present: Michelle Middleton and Guy Bourassa

Audiences: None

New Business:

a. Standards Based Report Cards - where are they in the creation process

Ms. Middleton passed out the current credit requirements for the class of 2022 and the proposed changes to those requirements. The date on this has been pushed back to 2023. M. Middleton explained the possibility of staggering the new credit requirements; adding one per year until we have increased from 22 to 25. It is possible to begin this plan with the incoming freshman in September of 2017.

Committee members asked for a plan to be created and that the budget impact be sketched out. The idea of adding credits incrementally was appreciated.

b. Standards Based Report Cards - How they fit with eSchool and HAC/TAC

Ms. Middleton provided the committee with a draft of the standards-based report cards for Grades 3-5. Committee members would like time to review them.

Committee members asked G. Bourassa how eSchool, HAC, and TAC would work with standards-based report cards. Mr. Bourassa explained that HAC would only show demographics. It is possible to put standards-based report cards into eSchool, but there is a cost associated with that process. The timeline for roll-out of these report cards may need to be adjusted to provide extra time for teachers to become familiar with the report cards and the shift of mindset in assessment.

Committee members asked about the difference between a report card with subjects and grades and a standards-based report card. Ms. Middleton explained that a standards-based report card provides more information to parents. They can also show where students are struggling; this can assist parents wanting to provide help or support to their students.

Items from the Table

Committee members asked for an idea about colleges outside of Connecticut that accept the UCONN ECE credits. Ms. Middleton proved some examples. The committee is concerned about the costs parents are incurring with both AP and UCONN ECE.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton Chief Academic Officer