

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2021**

The January 7, 2021 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. LeBlanc 5:33 PM.

**Present:** Jonathan LeBlanc, Bill Salazar and Joyce Hall

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Meghann Burr, J. Dague, K. Wiley, Erin Clark and Michelle Middleton

**Example of Social and Civics Expectations Lesson:**

Ms. Clark and Ms. Burr shared a sample lesson from the Social and Civics Expectations Units they presented in October. Ms. Clark explained to the committee that one of the goals of these units is to promote positive school climate. Ms. Burr reminded the committee that at the last meeting there was a lot of discussion about the lessons focusing on community building in the classroom, which helps build positive climate and culture in the schools. The lesson shared was a Grade 9 English lesson. Ms. Burr shared the lesson plan. She explained that the lesson is on identity, specifically conflicting identity. The student friendly objective for the lesson (*I will feel and be an active member of a safe and welcoming class culture that respects diversity, while building awareness of identity*) was shared with the committee. Ms. Burr walked the committee through the goals, objectives, activities, and resources for the lesson. While discussing the activities, Ms. Clark talked about the teacher training on civil discourse that EHS has engaged in over the past couple of years.

Committee members asked that when Ms. Clark and Ms. Burr have observed some of these lessons if the students were willing participants. High student engagement has been observed by both Ms. Clark and Ms. Burr. Also, a student survey was given, and students reported a high level of engagement.

Committee members asked whether or not students are able to participate in the lessons remotely. It was explained that yes, students have been engaging both remotely and in person.

Committee members thanked Ms. Clark and Ms. Burr for sharing this work.

**Supplementary Middle School Music Resource:**

Dr. Wiley reviewed the instructional goals and objectives for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band classes. She explained the current comprehensive resource we have focused on the development for large groups and ensembles. With the current restrictions in place for this school year, we have had to shift to putting a focus on developing individual skills. The resources we have used in the past were not substantial enough to accommodate the increased focus. A new resource has been found, *Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician*, which focuses on individual skills, but can also bring the work together for a large group. Dr. Wiley reviewed the cost of this resource and explained that there is currently enough money in the music supply budget line to purchase this product.

Committee members asked if we would need these every year because they are workbooks. The answer was yes, they are consumable, so if we were to use them multiple years, they would need to be purchased again. Dr. Wiley explained that while this resource could be useful in the future, we would first evaluate its success this year before making that decision.

Committee members support the purchase of this resource.

**Additional Business Resource for Virtual Learning:**

Mr. Dague discussed the option of purchasing a subscription to Business U for one calendar year (January 2021 to January 2022). The product would help supplement online course content for business and marketing classes. It would allow opportunities for both enrichment and remediation, as well as increase student engagement during times when students are learning remotely. Mr. Dague explained to the committee how the platform is organized and showed an example of the student view of an ethics case study. He also reviewed the cost and explained that it would be covered by the Perkins Grant.

Committee members asked if we are purchasing a complete curriculum. Mr. Dague explained that while it is a complete curriculum, that is not how we would use it. It would be used as a supplemental resource.

Committee members commented about how they liked how the resource mirrors what students will encounter in college. They approved the purchase of this resource.

**Items from the Table:**

The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2021.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton  
Chief Academic Officer