

**East Granby Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
for Thursday, June 8, 2023**

Welcome

- Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Present were Lisa Griffin and Bob Loomis. Absent were Amanda Cormier and Lynn Landolina.

New Business

- **Science of Reading Presentation:** [Click here to view](#). As previously discussed a contingent of administrators and teachers, K-5, attended bimonthly Masterclass workshops sponsored by the CT Department of Education and coordinated by CAPSS.
- The organizers, CAPSS, provided guidelines of what to include in the presentation:
 - A team introduction
 - The systems and structures that were changed this year and how we will continue in years 2 and 3
 - Where we were at the beginning of the school year
 - Our plan for training staff
 - Some innovative strategies/practices we initiated to move our students forward.
 - Our highlights.... student achievement, grade level, staff
 - Some challenges we faced
 - What we learned/realized over the year
 - How our journey will continue in year 2

Old Business

- **Student handbooks - other districts**
 - [Somers Homework Policy](#) from CABE - This is the one I mentioned that addresses parents and teachers. It talks about what homework should & shouldn't be. While not specifically addressing length of time by minutes, it does address how long children should take with homework and the purpose of it.
 - [Berlin](#) - this one is very short and leaves much room for interpretation
 - [East Windsor](#) - their policy has some very specific details as to when HW can not be assigned and how homework can not be factored into a student's grade point average.
 - [Bolton](#) - also one from CABE, but much more lengthy than the Somers district's policy and might be TOO specific. Looking at the adoption dates of the two, this one was adopted in 2004, while the other is a more recent one.
 - [Simsbury](#) - adopted in 1985, very spare. One positive is it says that the Superintendent will work with schools to set grade-level expectations. This allows for future flexibility and then would have guidelines in the student/parent handbook.
 - [Avon](#) - adopted in 2018 and is a CABE version.
 - [Granby](#) - also an older CABE version, adopted in 2009

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.