

East Granby Board of Education
Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, May 2, 2019

Board Members Present:

Sharon Shepherd
Bob Ravens-Seeger

Others Present:

Marjorie Light, Curriculum Director

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Marjorie Light. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Summer Curriculum Writing

Below are the curricula in need of creation, listed in order of urgency. Depending on the school budget, the following documents are slated for summer work.

- a. High School Science (for NGSS Compliance) – Marjorie explained this is a priority for summer work, as the high school teachers need to write their own lessons, as little is available in the publishing and educational science industries for NGSS-aligned lessons.
- b. Library Media Specialists and Technology (New Standards and Outdated) Both Wendi Meunier (HS Comp Sci) and Brett Lowman (K-3 LMS) have agreed to help write new curricula. The state recently adopted new guidelines for Computer Science education.
- c. Social Studies: Civics (New Frameworks) This is a semester class, which Dave Mendrala (HS SS) will do, if funding is available.
- d. Health, K-12, Finalize (Outdated) The PE & Health department has been working on this since last spring. Mike Pasqua, as part of his 092 Internship, may assist with its creation over the summer.
- e. K-5 Social Studies, Finalize (New Frameworks and Outdated) Susan Cavanagh, K-5 Curriculum Consultant, has been working over the last year and half on updating the social studies learning units with the faculty at Carl Allgrove and RD Seymour Elementary schools. It is the next K-5 focused document slated for completion.

III. K-5 Science Curriculum

Presented to Sharon Shepherd and Bob Ravens-Seeger, so they can bring to the board for approval. Marjorie explained the major role Susan Cavanagh, Curriculum Consultant for EGPS, had in the creation of this extensive document. It is due to Susan's careful planning, meticulous research, and thorough implementation that EGPS is ahead of many other districts in CT in NGSS adoption in our elementary schools.

IV. Future Meeting Dates

May 16, 2019 – Marjorie suggested this meeting be cancelled, as it is only two weeks away. The others agreed. We may need to meet in late July or early August in order to have time to present newly-written curricula to the Board of Education for a late August vote.

June 6, 2019 – This meeting stands as is.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

These minutes are issued pending Board of Education approval.