

East Granby Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee Minutes for
April 27, 2023

Welcome

- **Board Members present at the meeting:** Amanda Cormier, Lisa Griffin, and Bob Loomis.
Absent: Lynn Landolina. **Also present:** Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development.

New Business

- **Senior Capstone Presentations** - Friday, April 28, 2023, is the final day of Capstone Presentations. Marjorie shared how pleased the Capstone Committee members were with the high caliber of the presentations. Student work included highlights such as a student-created robot that can draw and write, a senior who learned to fly a plane, and another who observed major surgeries in an operating room, which was tied to her interest in a medical career path.
- **Summer Curriculum Writing (English, Health, Social Studies)** This summer, the high school English Department is finishing writing their curriculum so it can be presented to the Board of Education this summer. Our Health/PE teachers are going to begin writing some new learning units as part of the recently adopted curricular frameworks for health. Additionally, the K-5 Social Studies curriculum will be finalized and prepared for presentation to the Board of Education before fall.
- **PDEC Report** Prior to the meeting, Marjorie emailed the eleven page PDEC report to the Subcommittee Members. This annual spring document is created from reports submitted by the K-12 Curriculum Leaders from across the district and highlights student learning from the current school year. Marjorie compiles and edits the document, which is kept by the Board of Education office. For the upcoming May edition of East Granby's Town Newsletter, *Let's Talk Turkey*, Marjorie will submit a synopsis of the report for the public's edification.

Old Business

- **Updates on State Department of Education: Reading Programs**
 - Marjorie updated the group on our progress with the new Reading Program. As previously reported, our K-5 teachers chose Savvas myView for the upcoming school year. The materials have been purchased and we are starting to see some of the teacher manuals, workbooks, decodable books for emergent readers, reading group texts, and more arriving in the district. Steven Mosher, the head of IT, has completed the program integration in preparation for next year. Additionally, teachers have had some initial training from company consultants and will receive more in the fall. We are hoping to expand this ELA into 6th grade to provide more continuing. East Granby is in the forefront of preparation, as other districts are submitting waivers and extensions.
- **Updates *Science of Reading Masterclass* professional learning series**

Discussion

- Marjorie answered any curriculum-related questions posed by the board members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Upcoming meetings - May 11 and June 8, 2023

Submitted by,

Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum / Professional Development