

East Granby Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee Minutes for
May 11, 2023

Welcome

- Present from the Board of Education: Ricky Bortz, Amanda Cormier, Lisa Griffin, Lynn Landolina, and Bob Loomis. Also present: Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum & PD

New Business

- **Middle School ELA** – Marjorie shared that we are planning to continue the SAVVAS ELA program, myView, for K-5 into sixth grade. The middle school program is called My Perspectives, is state approved, and highly rated by independent educational agencies. In addition, we are going to use the assessment piece in our seventh and eighth grade ELA classes, as MAPs is no longer approved by the state as a universal screener in the lower grades. This move will give us continuity in tracking data, monitoring student progress, and reporting out with like numbers from kindergarten to the end of eighth grade.
- **Middle School Mathematics** – Similarly, in sixth grade mathematics, we are going to extend the iReady math program into sixth grade. This program was implemented at the K-5 level this year and the teachers and administrators are thrilled with the precise and timely data we receive from their assessment component. In the future, we hope to add iReady to seventh grade, and the assessment piece only in eighth.

Old Business

- **Updates on State Dept of Education: Reading Programs** – there have been no new updates to the reading legislation. The state has released a small amount of funding to offset reading costs, which we will apply for this spring.
- **Updates Science of Reading Masterclass professional learning series** – our learning team for the Science of Reading Masterclass has two sessions remaining, one on May 16 and the other at the beginning of June. We learn from experts in the field, brought in by CAPSS, who is working in conjunction with the CT Dept. of Education. Furthermore, we work on self-paced online modules to deepen our learning, which is then shared with other faculty.

Note: Amanda Cormier asked that we add policy discussions regarding homework to our next agenda. Marjorie is going to gather information from neighboring districts to see how it is addressed in their board policies. For the most part, Marjorie believes theirs are similar to ours, with the differentiation perhaps coming in the parent and student handbooks.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.