

East Granby Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee Minutes for
December 21, 2023

Welcome

- Board members in attendance include Robert Loomis, Lisa Griffin, Amanda Cormier, and Lynn Landolina along with Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum and PD.

New Business

- **Teacher Evaluation & Curriculum** - Marjorie Light explained how the state of Connecticut is requiring a revamp of the teacher evaluation process. As part of this, the goal is to have more frequent, shorter evaluations that are spontaneous in nature, followed by conversations between the teacher and evaluator/administrator. We are working with Vector Solutions, who provides our online professional development platform to create a customized evaluation system. Not only will forms for teachers be included, but also non-classroom educators (like school counselors), as well as non-certified staff, such as paraprofessionals and secretaries.

Old Business

- **PLCs** - The committee continued their discussions of how PLCs drive student growth in a district, by examining data and teaching/re-teaching according to the assessment results. Marjorie reviewed the presentations made by the teachers during the last board meeting and showed how PLC implementation is the way to drive the district forward without additional cost of hiring additional staff. Since EGPS doesn't have instructional coaches and curriculum specialists, this approach creates a dedicated time for grade levels and departments alike to align teaching and learning across the district.
- **Science of Reading updates** - Marjorie shared that since EGPS adopted the Savvas myView reading program, which was one of the state-approved SOR providers, we were eligible for two grants to help cover some of the expense associated with implementation. We have Savvas myView (K-5) and myPerspectives (6-7). Our faculty have received multiple trainings from Savvas consultants this school year, which was funded through SOR grants.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20.