Board of Education Committee Members Present
Franca Biales
Sheila Daniels

Also Present
Enza Macri, Assistant Superintendent
Jon Romeo, Principal, Macdonough School
James Gaudreau, Principal, Snow School
Richard Pelczar, 6-12 Science Department Head
Tateisha Perry, Community Member

This meeting was devoted to reviewing the elementary talented and gifted education identification process and to reviewing the STEM curriculum at MAC and WWMS

Highlights of Meeting
• James Gaudreau and Jon Romeo co-chaired the committee that was charged with designing the talented and gifted identification process
• Committee created rubric for identification process
• Identification process looks at 5 pieces of criteria
  Nomination form
  Student work/portfolio
  OLSAT score
  Academic review
  Student inventory and reflection
• Richard Pelczar introduced EiE (Engineering in Elementary) program designed by the Boston Science Museum and currently administered by the Connecticut Science Center
• Shared units which are already aligned to CCSS
• Would like to begin using EiE in grades 4 and 5 at Macdonough’s STEM program
• Board needs to approve EiE for grades 4&5 Macdonough’s STEM program
• Teachers at Macdonough will be trained in EiE
• Other grades continue to use FOSS kits (science materials for grades 2 and 3)
• Richard Pelczar has applied for grants to phase in CCAT in grades 6-8

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.
The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2014 at 9:15 AM
at Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building

Respectfully submitted,
Franca Biales
Curriculum Committee Chair