

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

December 13, 2018

Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building

4:00 PM

<u>Board of Education Committee Members Present</u> Lisa Loomis, Chair Jon Pulino	<u>Also Present</u> Dr. Conner, Superintendent Dr. Macri, Ass. Superintendent Michelle Gohagan, Director of Instructional Tech and PD Colleen Weiner, MHS principal Patrick Hubeny, Math 6-12 Curr Supervisor Daniel Jack, math coach Meg Susi, community member Laura Morello, community member
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Highlights of Meeting:

- Proposal on new 6-12 math curriculum - Open Up
 - highest -rated math curriculum from EdReports
 - Free if used digitally - hopefully will share materials digitally through One Note
 - Being piloted at MHS - increase in critical/mathematical thinking and student discourse
 - Improved vertical alignment
 - Discussion on professional development - job embedded - must increase 25% w/ change
 - Differentiation can come through blended learning component, UDL and ELL supports embedded as well as “Are you ready for more?” for advanced kids
 - Interdisciplinary opportunities - will be phased into middle school next year
 - Family Engagement plans
- Racial equity policy and plan - draft has been reviewed with policy committee, district lawyer, and DELT-A. Revisions are being made. Anticipated timeline is Board first reading Feb/March
 - 1st step in plan is to establish curriculum committee which will develop tool to audit curriculum - focus this year is on Pillar I (Students at the Center) and III (Culturally Responsive Instructional Practices)
 - New London may move along with us
- TAG transition to Keigwin
 - Building leaders being trained in Rigor and Relevance, doing Rigor and Relevance walk throughs
 - Next year all 8th grade will be interdisciplinary as well as 1 7th and 1 6th grade team; following year all middle school will be interdisciplinary
 - Discussion about how or whether district is providing appropriate challenge to advanced students.
- Conference calendar - request to move high school conferences to April 4th and 5th to accommodate student-led conferences/ student exhibitions

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

The next meeting will be TBD

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Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Loomis,
Curriculum Committee Chair