

Eastford Board of Education
Curriculum Meeting Agenda
December 17, 2020
6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Carole McCombe.

Members in attendance: Candice Mead, Michelle Bibeault, Carole McCombe, Adam Minor, Lauren Skiff, Donna Leake

Candice Mead presented the science curriculum, which has been a cumulative work in progress over the past few years. Candice worked to create this document along with Michelle Bibeault, with input from other grade level science teachers.

Candice explained how she used the Next Generation Science Concepts, the mandated guide for Connecticut public schools, the Science and Engineering Practices, and Standardized Test Specs to integrate the prioritized performance expectations and disciplinary core ideas with content vocabulary. She organized this information by topic and detailed the resources we currently use along with the assessment evidence needed for student mastery, all in a document that is user-friendly for staff, integrates with other subject areas, and is capable of adapting and changing as our resources change or state mandates change. The document is a “live” document that is available to staff on our Google Drive. Teachers are able to make copies from the original and add anecdotal notes, updated resources and materials, or new assessment items to the document at their grade level. The science curriculum committee will meet at scheduled intervals over the course of each school year to discuss and synthesize any changes and additions needed to any aspect of the document.

Candice would be happy to share a condensed version of the document with the Board of Education at a future meeting and we would be looking for the Board of Education to formally adopt the document as Eastford Elementary School’s Science Curriculum.

Discussion was held about an appropriate template for future curriculum documents. For ease of use, all documents will contain standard elements such as standards, resources, and assessment practices, but the format may vary slightly depending on the nature of the subject area.

Curriculum documents in other subject areas are also in the process of being developed and will be shared with the Curriculum Committee and the Board of Education as they are ready.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.