

Eastford Board of Education
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2019, 4:00 PM

Call to Order: 4:14 PM

Members in Attendance: Carole McCombe, Michelle Bibeault, Megan Dill, Donna Leake

1. Middle School Configuration

- Grades 5 - 8 rotate
- 90-minute blocks (45 minutes instruction and 45 minutes of practice skills → could include grade level mixing, could include push in special education support and RTI needs – could include enrichment)
- Melissa Lessard – ELA, Charlie Kernan – SS, Candy Mead– Science, Lori Reynolds – Math
- Looking at the possibility of switching middle School math and Grade 5 homeroom with multipurpose room

2. Configuration for grades 1 and 2

- There will not be a multi-age classroom for the 2019-2020 school year. All grade 1 students will be together with Mrs. Rhyhart. All grade 2 students will be together with Mrs. Bardsley. Grade 1 will have team teaching support so student to teacher ratios will be approximately 8:1 for ELA and Math instruction.

3. Curriculum work for ELA, social studies and science

- On June 20 Michelle Bibeault and Candy Mead will work on Science. Would like to keep Discovery Science and incorporate more hands-on learning.
- District will purchase new Social Studies books for Grades 5 and 8. Perhaps, additionally funds could purchase SS materials for Grades 6 and 7.
- On June 17th, Melissa Lessard, Megan Dill, Lori Crocker-Lincoln, Beth Rhyhart and Michelle Bibeault will meet to begin discussions on ELA curriculum work. Additional days will be decided at that time. Ideally, an outside facilitator from EASTCONN may provide support for this initiative.

4. Restorative Practices/Responsive Classroom

- Power of Our Words – book to be purchased for staff. Some staff will attend training over the summer and fall professional development will incorporate strategies learned
- Jim Collins (EASTCONN) - Restorative Practice – perhaps welcome back speaker for EES staff in August 2019

5. ISTE Certification – Michelle Bibeault completed training on ISTE standards. She will provide information to staff in the fall.

Adjourn: 5:08 PM