

Eastford Board of Education
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018
School Library

- I. Chair Marmat called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM.
- II. Attendance: Gerald Marmat, Megan Dill, Carole McCombe, Michelle Bibeault, Linda Loretz
- III. Two novels have been submitted to the Board of Education for approval as textbooks: *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* and *Hello Universe*. Both are Newbery Award winners and are requested for use in grades seven and eight.
- IV. New maps, globes, atlases have been purchased for K-6 Social Studies classes. Also *True* books about the various regions have been purchased for classrooms.
- V. Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Bibeault and Mrs. Lincoln have been attending professional development sessions for a state program known as ReadConn. They are completing online modules about the components of reading and how to fine tune reading instruction.
- VI. Specialized earphones with built-in microphones have been purchased so that students in grades K-3 can participate in NWEA oral reading fluency assessments, beginning in the fall. It is hoped that this assessment will be easier to administer and potentially replace some of the more time-consuming assessments.
- VII. Professional Development in June and August:
In June, all staff will participate in a presentation about common language to support learning behaviors given by a SERC (State Education Resource Center) consultant. Teachers will also work on report cards, Discovery Education and Google. In August, teachers will begin work on the parent portal.
- VIII. Report Card Updates will be ready in June so that report cards can be updated over the summer. Teachers are working on report card language that will better communicate the meaning of the standards. Discussion focused on various ways to communicate the meaning of the standards.
- IX. Envision 2.0 Update: Grades five and six are comfortable with the new materials. Grades K through four are still working on the pacing.
- X. Chrome Books and Google Classroom: Twenty-five new Chromebooks have been purchased; Eastford now owns 55 and they are being used primarily in ELA, Social Studies and Science.
- XI. Updates to Teacher Evaluation Plan: Teachers are meeting with Mrs. McCombe on May 24 to discuss potential updates.
- XII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.