

**Eastford Board of Education**  
**Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**  
October 12, 2017

- I. Chair Marmat called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- II. Attendance  
Gerald Marmat, Linda Loretz, Carole McCombe
- III. Meetings for the 2017-18 school year will be held at 6:00 PM on the nights of Board of Education meetings in October, December, March and May.
- IV. Mrs. McCombe indicated that Megan Dill is willing to be the teacher representative to the Board's Curriculum Committee.
- V. Chromebooks, Google Classroom and Google Apps for education
  - A. The Chromebooks initiative has taken off smoothly. There have been no technical issues with their deployment; they are being housed in Mrs. Mead's room.
  - B. They are used frequently in all science classes and middle school students use the Chromebooks most frequently. The MacBooks are readily available for other grades.
  - C. Melissa Lessard and Michelle Bibeault are scheduled to attend a Google Summit.
- VI. Math Initiatives and New Math Text
  - A. The new math text is more robust and rigorous.
  - B. The online component of the textbook program, *Pearson Realize*, provides videos, adaptive practice and homework.
  - C. Teachers are using the older program occasionally to fill in gaps and for backup materials.
- VII. Social Studies Curriculum
  - A. There has been discussion about the Social Studies curriculum for grades three and four. Both grades study Connecticut. Grade three focuses more on local history and grade four focuses on geography.
  - B. Mr. Kernan is attending EastConn's Social Studies Council meetings and assisting other teachers to focus on inquiry: overarching problems and strategies in the Social Studies.

- VIII. August and November Professional Development Days
- A. The August professional development day included a presentation regarding common language for behavioral expectations (SERC consultant) and updates regarding new science and math programs.
  - B. The November professional development day will feature of follow-up to the August behavior discussion and additional science updates.
- IX. Behavioral Screening Tool
- A. Eastford teachers are using a new tool that allows them to screen all students for behaviors that support learning: *Review 360* (<http://bit.ly/2yJiuMl>)
  - B. Mrs. McCombe provided a handout that describes how this tool will provide suggestions and support for teachers for whole classes and individual students.
  - C. Teachers will learn more about *Review 360* on the November professional development day.
- X. New Science texts
- Teachers are implementing the new *Discovery Education Science for NGSS Techbook*. Mrs. Mead is keeping a careful list of resources needed to fully implement all of the labs and activities.
- XI. The Rediker student management system has been upgraded to support a new online teacher grade book system and a parent/teacher portal. Teachers are already using the grade book system; the portal will not go public immediately.
- XII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.