

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2015**

The March 23, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville, Chair at 5:05 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Stacy Thurston and Michelle Middleton

Absent: Ray Peabody

Invited Guests: Deb Berger; Kari Montefort (Barnard Parent); Carrie Barnes (Hazardville Memorial Parent) and Keith Vujs (Enfield Street Parent)

Audiences: None

New Business: K-12 Standards Based Report Cards – Michelle Middleton, Deb Berger

Mr. Neville discussed the K-2 Standards Based Report Cards and wanted to know if they were working in the way we wanted them to, if it is a useful format and is the language meeting the parent's needs.

Mrs. Berger shared information from the primary principals regarding the K-2 Standards Based Report Cards: a comment section is needed, report cards should be sent home prior to the elementary conferences so parents can look at them and parents are requesting more help to support their children at home with the CCS curriculum shifts.

The parents added that the language needs to be simplified and made to be more parent friendly; additional explanation about the format, standards and grading are needed in the beginning of the school year; they would like some portion of the report card to be student friendly so they could share it with their children and they would like more clarification regarding the end of the year standards and expectations.

Mr. Neville expressed the importance of getting the report cards into eSchool so the data could be used by principals and the district to evaluate the curriculum being taught.

The group discussed different ways to help solve some the items discussed at the meeting. Mr. Neville suggested setting up a FAQ's section on the EPS website for parents to access. The parents suggested being given a list of resources or places to locate information and receiving a short, simple progress note at some point in the trimester. It was also suggested that Parent Information Nights could be offered and a narrated overview be placed online for parents who could not attend the information night.

Mr. Neville suggested that Ms. Middleton work with Mr. Bourassa to reach out to other districts using Standards Based Report Cards to see what modifications can be made. He suggested eSchool may be a good source of information. He would like Mr. Bourassa to attend a Curriculum meeting to discuss this further.

Committee members suggested that a Board Goal for 2016-17 be to place our K-2 Standards Based Report Cards on eSchool so they can be used for data collection.

Items from the Table - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer