

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2015**

The April 15, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville, Chair at 6:02 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Ray Peabody and Michelle Middleton
Absent: Stacy Thurston
Invited Guests: Paul Newton, FHS Principal and Andy Longey, EHS Interim Principal
Audiences: None

New Business: 2016-17 High School Schedules – P. Newton, A. Longey

The high school principals presented a possible schedule for the new Enfield High School. They explained that the schedule would allow for the new high school reform requirements while allowing flexibility and a great many opportunities for our students to learn.

The high school principals explained the process to Committee Members: 10 day rotation with 4 days of 81 minute periods and 6 days of 53 minute periods; elimination of homeroom and study halls; students take 8 classes (there are no days in the schedule where all 8 periods will meet); the elimination of lunch waves and the addition of Eagle Hour.

The high school principals explained the concept of Eagle Hour and how it would work to Committee Members and raised a concern about staffing/supervision at the new Enfield High School.

Committee Members asked the following questions:

- Will the cafeteria be setup to handle this?
- How will the cafeteria staff handle cooking and keeping food warm?
- If homeroom is eliminated, where will attendance be taken? Mr. Newton explained that the first block attendance will count for daily attendance and they will take attendance during each class as it is currently being done.
- What about safety during Eagle Hour? (i.e. Fire alarm or other evacuation)
- What is the cost factor?
- Do you need more teachers?
- How will it impact special education?
- With the elimination of homeroom, how will communications for various events get to the students? Mr. Longey explained that announcements will still happen daily. They will be floating so they do not impact the same period every day.

Mr. Peabody expressed concerns that students will not have a mental break between 7:26 AM and the beginning of Eagle Hour (approximately 11:21 AM).

Mr. Neville believes scheduling students for an 8 period schedule will be the biggest issue.

Mr. Peabody believes the new schedule will give our student's academic improvement, cooperation and the ability to garner more face time with teachers.

Mr. Neville would like the high school schedule proposals to be presented to the Board.

Mr. Newton discussed a small pilot for mastery based Algebra 1 for grade 9 students. Both Mr. Neville and Mr. Peabody liked the pilot and approved it to start in September 2015.

Items from the Table - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer