

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

The September 13, 2018 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 6:05 PM.

**Present:** Tim Neville, Sarah Hernandez and Ashley Depeau  
**Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** Michelle Middleton, Kerry Wiley, Jason LaMesa and Charlotte Riley  
**Audience:** None

**State Assessment Scores:**

This presentation has been pushed to a later meeting. Scores for the state and other districts have just recently been made public for the Smarter Balanced Assessment, so some additional time is needed for analysis and development of action plans.

**Vision for K-12 Mathematics:**

Mr. LaMesa and Dr. Wiley shared with committee members their vision for EPS mathematics K-12. This has already been shared with 6-12 teachers, K-5 administrators, and district office. Next steps are communicating this vision to K-5 teachers and secondary administration.

Mr. Lamesa discussed the importance of developing a culture of mathematical thinking and building a community of mathematicians. This will be accomplished by creating a K-12 framework for teaching math and communicating a common strategy for teaching problem solving in Grades K-12. He explained Dan Finkel's five principles of teaching mathematics. Mr. Lamesa will be communicating these to math teachers K-12 so they can be a regular part of EPS math instruction. They include: 1) starting with a question, 2) giving students time to struggle, 3) understanding the teacher is not the answer key, 4) saying yes to students' ideas, and 5) including play in math instruction. He also introduced the common problem-solving strategy to be rolled out K-12.

Committee members requested this presentation be shown to all BOE members. They also asked Mr. Lamesa and Dr. Wiley to come up with a process to share this information with parents. They asked about the next steps. Dr. Wiley explained they would be communicating this message to all members of the EPS math staff K-12 and parents, going into classrooms to see this process at work, and creating a set of look-fors for classrooms.

Committee members requested Mr. Lamesa and Dr. Wiley attend another meeting in February or March to give an update on this work.

**Date Change for October Meeting**

Committee members agreed to change the Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Items from the Table** - None

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton  
Chief Academic Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50