

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2022**

The April 21, 2022, Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Amanda Pickett at 5:00 PM.

Present: Amanda Pickett, Dr. Gerald Calnen and Jean Acree
Absent: None
Also Present: Michelle Middleton, Dr. Andrew Berrios, Madam Chair Tina LeBlanc and Board Member Janet Cushman
Audience: None

TAG Overview:

Ms. Middleton introduced Dr. Berrios who provided an overview of our current Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program at JFK Middle School. This overview was added to the agenda based on requests from committee members to explore possibilities about enhancements that could possibly be made to the current program. Dr. Berrios distributed handouts with information regarding the program. This information contained an informational brochure used in the past, the current selection criteria sheet, and an overview of the current program. He explained that currently it is a pull-out model and the students complete Type III projects. Currently, these projects are related to the Future City and History Day competitions in which the TAG students participate. Dr. Berrios explained that the plan for the spring of 2020 was to visit other middle school TAG programs to get an idea of other models for ideas we could possibly incorporate into our program, however the pandemic prevented that work.

Committee members discussed looking at everything from the model of instruction to the selection criteria. Concerns were expressed that we may be missing some students with the structure and/or selection process. The group discussed surveying or interviewing different groups of stakeholders to get additional feedback on the current structure/process, as well as ideas for enhancement. It was decided that next steps would include researching other models, reviewing updated state guidance, and getting stakeholder feedback.

TAG will be an agenda item for the June meeting, and a report will be given regarding the information obtained from looking at different Talent and Gifted programs in the area and the models they are using.

Items from the Table:

A question was asked about restricting YouTube on student devices. Ms. Middleton will bring information to the May meeting regarding this question. She will also research restricting devices by level and the use of parental controls.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 19, 2022

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer