

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 26, 2022**

The May 26, 2022, Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Amanda Pickett at 5:07 PM.

Present: Amanda Pickett, Dr. Gerald Calnen and Jean Acree
Absent: None
Also Present: Michelle Middleton, Erin Clark and Board Member Joshua Hamre
Audience: None

Exploring Restrictions on Student Devices:

Ms. Middleton explained to committee members that based on some questions brought during Items from the Table in the April curriculum meeting, the Academic Office has been working with IT and EdTech to explore possible ways of placing restrictions on student devices. Some of the possibilities being explored are locking students' Apple IDs and increasing the scope of our web-filtering.

Committee members asked if we can (or do) block social media applications. They also asked about the possibility of using parental controls. Another question from the committee was if the devices default to explicit. Ms. Middleton took note of these questions and told the committee members she would try to get answers to these questions. Ms. Middleton stated that exploring restrictions on student devices will be placed on the June curriculum committee agenda and solutions will be discussed, as well as any possible parent communications that will be distributed.

Items from the Table:

Ms. Middleton introduced Principal Clark who presented the first item from the table.

Ms. Clark presented the possibility of exploring credit recovery opportunities for high school students via a high-quality software program. Ms. Clark discussed the fact that the high school administration is noticing an increase in students who are disengaged, and they are concerned about failure rates and students not being successful. Right now, our only option for credit recovery is summer school, but we would like to be able to intervene before the end of the school year and the credit has been lost. Ms. Clark explained that the high school team is meeting regularly to look at failure rates, so an earlier intervention would be possible. She proposed using an online credit recovery software program, such as Edgenuity, which would provide help to students who are in danger of failing a course by addressing learning gaps and/or lagging skills. This would allow students to achieve proficiency in the course they are currently failing and successfully achieve the credit. Ms. Clark's proposal highlighted pulling students from an elective and placing them in a credit recovery room to work on this program in their course of need. She proposed the 2022-2023 school year being a pilot year. We would identify juniors in danger of not graduating and look at Algebra I students in danger of failing. We would also establish a credit recovery team. The credit recovery room would be staffed by a highly qualified staff member to keep students on track.

Committee members asked what happens if the demand is greater than we expect. Ms. Clark explained we could possibly look to expand to an after-school option if necessary and possible. Another committee member commented that this sounds more like intervention than credit

recovery, so the name may want to be reconsidered. Another committee member asked what happens if a student is failing more than one course. It was determined that there are procedures that would need to be outlined before beginning.

Committee members liked the idea. Ms. Clark will return to a later curriculum meeting to update the committee on the software that was chosen, as well as the procedures put into place.

A committee member mentioned a former Board member's comments about modified classes at a recent Board meeting. It was decided that interventions at all levels should be explored and discussed.

Ms. Pickett updated the curriculum committee on her progress with the Stakeholder committee she is working to create with Mr. Unghire. Both she and Mr. Unghire are continuing conversations regarding the creation of this committee, the purpose of which would be to get different perspectives from stakeholders. It would also be a useful, solution-focused way group containing family and staff voice. She will keep the committee updated since it will impact our work.

Due to a conflict with JFK Awards Night, the June 16th meeting has been changed to June 15th.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer