

# New Bedford School Committee

Sub-Committee on Curriculum  
Paul Rodrigues Administration Building  
Rm. 224

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

1. Call to Order: Meeting began at 6:30 PM
2. Roll Call of Committee: Chair, Dr. Lawrence Finnerty, Mr. Joaquim Livramento, and Mr. Joshua Amaral
3. Review of Minutes: Mr. Livramento made a motion to accept the January 20, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Amaral, all voted in favor.
4. **New Business-**
  - a. **Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) presentation – Dr. Durkin and Mr. DeFalco**
    - With the goal of educating, and sharing the reasons and justification for taking PARCC, as well as the PARCC implementation process.
  - b. **Ms. Dion and Ms. Dessert present overview of PARCC –**
    - What is PARCC?
    - Previewing the PARCC ELA and Math assessments and standards for Grades 3-11
    - What types of PARCC resources are available for educators?

Mr. Amaral asked about Opt Out or test refusal process. Mr. DeFalco responded there is no Opt Out however, students can refuse the test by having parents speak with the Principal.

Dr. Finnerty asked what type of technology we would need if we took PARCC online. Mr. DeFalco shared that the technology hardware would need significant improvements in all schools, but the High School would be the best school suited for the online version.

In response to a question asked about English Language Learners (ELL), Mr. DeFalco shared that ELLs need to take the PARCC, however, the ELA PARCC will count the second year, and the Math will count the first year as it relates to the number of years the student is in the country.

5. **Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Livramento, seconded by Mr. Amaral. All voted in favor to adjourn at 8:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jason DeFalco  
Chief Academic Officer

**Next Meeting:** *Thursday, May 28, 2015*