

New Bedford School Committee

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Meeting Minutes

- 1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting began at 6:30 PM**
- 2. **Roll Call of Committee Members: Chair, Dr. Lawrence Finnerty, Joshua Amaral and Mr. Joaquim Livramento**
- 3. **Review of Minutes: Mr. Livramento made a motion to accept the November 7, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Finnerty, all voted in favor.**

4. New Business

4a.) PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)

Mrs. Daly provided an update on information describing the upcoming PARCC Assessment Field Tests scheduled for this spring. The Performance Based Assessments take place from March 24 – April 11 at Ashley, DeValles, and Winslow Elementary Schools. In addition, all three middle schools were selected for testing. Schools and students were randomly selected to participate. End of Year testing at Ashley, Swift, Lincoln, Pulaski, Roosevelt Middle School, and Trinity Day Academy takes place between May 5 and June 6. Ashley and Swift Elementary Schools were selected for computer-based testing. Sample PARCC assessments were shared, along with the link to the website <http://www.parcconline.org/computer-based-samples> for real-time sample computer-based sample tests.

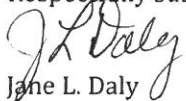

4b. AP (Advanced Placement) - Status of Initiatives

Dr. Durkin reported that a meeting took place this week MMSI, attended by Dr. Durkin, Mrs. Daly, Ms. Dawson, and Mr. DeFalco (by phone). The discussion centered around the need to maximize the use of the AP Grant. A benefit of the grant is to train teachers to teach Advanced Placement Courses and teach Pre-Advanced Placement courses. The district must work to build capacity for adding additional Advance Placement courses. Professional development for Gr. 6-12 teachers has taken place the last two summers and four times over the school year (currently funded by RTTT). Moving forward, Mr. DeFalco and Ms. Dawson are the point people for this initiative. Efforts to recruit AP and Pre-AP teachers to attend summer professional development are underway. Future funding will be need to be budgeted to provide sustainability of the program once RTTT ends. Mrs. Daly reported on the current status of MMSI AP and Pre-AP Initiatives (see attached).

5. Other Business

- 6. **Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Livramento, seconded by Joshua Amaral. All voted in favor to adjourn at 7:45 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

 
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Next Scheduled Meeting: May 27, 2014