



Instruction Subcommittee Special Meeting

May 22, 2019 5:30 PM
Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137-B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Attendance Taken at 5:38 PM:

Present Board Members:

Erica Gelven
Sandra Luke
Kimberly Russo
Catherine Staunton

1. Opening Exercises

1.A. Roll call

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

Participants recited the Pledge.

2. Talented & Gifted Update

Discussion:

Emily Kelsey and Marco Famiglietti discussed the Talented and Gifted programming and the new partial position in the district. For the 2019-2020 school year, the Talented and Gifted Coordinator will be Emily Kelsey as part of her daily responsibilities. Mrs. Kelsey will be teaching the Library Media Curriculum at Joel, Eliot, and coordinating the district programming in Talented and Gifted during the day. Mrs. Kelsey and Mr. Famiglietti shared the proposed nomination and identification criteria for Giftedness. This included information about the assessment data that will be utilized for identification, along with Renzulli Scales of Giftedness. The Talented and Gifted Manual was reviewed. A general job description of the responsibilities for the TAG Coordinator position was shared that included supporting students in grades 3-8 and the high school. Questions were asked and answered about identification timeframes, the grade levels for identification, the process, and the classroom instruction and experiences. Concerns were raised, discussed, and clarified. E. Gelven asked the subcommittee members to examine the guidelines by June 7th. The group also discussed the Art program and opportunities for students who are talented in the arts.

3. High School Leveling Discussion

Discussion:

K. Hagness and M. Famiglietti discussed the planning phases for scheduling of students at Morgan, especially as we look at grouping of students and various levels at Morgan in the core content areas of Math and English and the impact of those decisions in Social Studies and Integrated Science classrooms. The direction for addressing these issues was discussed and explored. Various questions regarding the supports for this transition were also shared.

4. High School Graduation Requirements Discussion

Discussion:

Mr. Famiglietti shared the comparison of the Morgan Graduation Requirements and the new State Graduation Requirements and highlighted the differences. There has been a committee at the high school exploring the various options and this is work that will happen next fall with the Instruction Subcommittee.

5. Revised Evaluation Rubric for Educator Support Services

Discussion:

E. Gelven asked the subcommittee members to review the rubric by June 28th. The intent is to approve this at the July 15th BOE meeting and then it will be sent to the state for approval.

6. General Discussion

Discussion:

M. Famiglietti shared with the board that we are having some discussion about Nature's Classroom and its sustainability going forward. We are not looking to take this away, but are actively discussing the experience and the management of all aspects of the week.

He also reported back on the homework policy and implementation, and how the technical components of the policy are mostly in place and that the continued work is on the experiences of students at extended learning.

S. Luke shared a concept for a class that involves collaborative groups of students working together in the design, development, and marketing experience.

7. Adjournment

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 7:59.

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Donnell