



Instruction Subcommittee Special Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2022 5:30 PM

Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137 B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Purpose of the Instruction Subcommittee: Reviews and provides input to the decision-making related to all instructional learning initiatives, curriculum and programming decisions, and implementation of legislation related to curriculum.

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Erica Gelven: Present

Peter Nye: Present

Jack Scherban: Present

Catherine Staunton: Present (arrived at 5:33 PM)

1. Opening Exercises

A. Roll call

Also in attendance: Assistant Superintendent M. Famiglietti, Superintendent M. O'Donnell, Morgan Assistant Principal C. Luther, and Guidance Department Chair M. Rodowicz.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood to recite the pledge of allegiance.

2. Discussion re: High School GPA Calculation Method & Class Rank

M. Famiglietti shared information regarding the proposed high school GPA calculation method and the review of the proposed Policy 6312 Weighted Grading and Calculation for Grade Point Averages. The high school administration and guidance department have been looking at a possible change to the calculation of GPA and considering continuing with the weighting of grades. The move would transition the GPA calculation from an outdated scale to a more current and common scale with a 4.0 basis. Weighting for Honors courses and ECE/AP college-level courses was also recommended and reviewed. Members discussed aspects of the scale and questions were answered. Areas for discussion included the implications of taking challenging courses and how the system might impact a student's decision to take a course as well as how it might adjust GPA. The subcommittee explored additional options of a multiplier for advanced classes and adding a set GPA adjustment amount. It was agreed that the high school administrators will further explore the concept of a set adjustment and look at the statistical impacts of this method prior to making a final decision.

It was also proposed that Class Rank does not need to be published on a student transcript. The Board agreed that we would continue to calculate class rank for the purposes of determining the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, the Top 10 of the graduating class, and Morgan Scholars. In addition, it was agreed that the class rank would not be listed on the transcript specifically but deciles would be included in the Naviance system for a student for college purposes. This will go into effect in the 2022-2023 school year.

3.Review of Policy #6312 Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Averages

M. Famiglietti reviewed the proposed policy and confirmed that the subcommittee members supported the idea of weighted grading. The high school administration and counselors will review a fixed GPA adjustment for the courses and finalize their recommendation to the Board for implementation in the 2022-2023 school year. The appropriate adjustment to the policy will be forwarded to the BOE Policy Subcommittee for review prior to bringing it to the Board for adoption in July.

4.Review of New Policy Advanced Course or Program / Challenging Curriculum

M. Famiglietti shared a proposal for a New Policy in the 6000 series for Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum. It is now required by law to create and adopt a policy and this is a proposal from our policy service with Shipman & Goodwin. The subcommittee reviewed the sample policy and discussed the optional language for eligibility, creating a plan, and implementing the approach for identifying students who are capable of advanced coursework.

5.General Discussion

6.Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Donnell