

**New Milford Board of Education
 Committee on Learning Sub-Committee
 June 3, 2008
 Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present:	Mr. David Lawson, Chairperson*
	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach*
	Mrs. Amy Llerena
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas*
	Mr. William Wellman, alternate
	Mrs. Lisa Diamond, Board Chair

*Committee Member

Also Present	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Mr. Thomas Mulvihill, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Kelly Duncan
	Mrs. Eileen Reed
	Mr. Greg Shugrue

1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Committee on Learning sub-committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Lawson.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment No public comment.	Public Comment
3. 3.A. 3.A.1	Discussion and Possible Action Review and Approval of Curricula Video Production/Film and Literary Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mr. Mulvihill introduced Mr. Duncan, the document's author. The course is designed for juniors and seniors and provides an opportunity to tie in with Channel 17, stated Mr. Duncan. ◆ Mrs. Thomas asked how the course would be used; Mr. Duncan commented students can go on to a four year university to continue in the field. When asked, Mr. Duncan replied the class size has grown. ◆ Mr. Wellman asked about equipment available for the program and funding needed; Mr. Duncan noted this class would require funding to stay on top in the field. Maintenance is "on-going." ◆ Mr. Mulvihill added that the Perkins grant is used occasionally to support the program; equipment has not come from 	Motion passed unanimously to bring Video Production/Film and Literary Analysis to the full board for approval.

<p>3.A.2.</p>	<p>local funds in recent years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mr. Wellman inquired about the qualifications required for the teacher(s) for this class. ◆ Mr. Lawson interjected that this subcommittee is concerned with curriculum, hiring is not pertinent to the discussion. When Mr. Duncan was hired there were 6 or 7 other candidates considered. ◆ Mr. Shugrue noted that the system looks for teachers good for the kids – the need to mix content with rapport with students. ◆ Mrs. Thomas moved to send Video Production/Film and Literary Analysis to the full board for approval. Motion seconded by Mrs. Llerena and passed unanimously. <p>AP Chemistry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The course is designed for juniors and seniors, explained Mrs. Reed. Course is based on College Board course requirements with strong emphasis on test prep. A teacher for this course will be attending the Taft summer AP program. ◆ Mrs. Faulenbach moved to bring AP Chemistry to the full board for approval, motion seconded by Mrs. Thomas and passed unanimously. 	<p>Motion passed unanimously to bring AP Chemistry to full board for approval.</p>
<p>3.B.</p>	<p>Draft of “On-line Credit” Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mr. Shugrue commented this course might offer students an opportunity to redeem credits toward graduation as well as expose students to “on-line” courses not offered at the high school. ◆ Mr. Lawson inquired as to the 3 credit limit. ◆ Mr. Shugrue noted that if more than 3 credits were needed it might mean that a student should stay back; also there is a desire to be sure work represents work done towards a NMHS diploma. Accepted courses must be given by accredited agencies recognized by the State of Connecticut. ◆ Mr. Shugrue further explained acceptance 	<p>Motion passed unanimously to bring on-line credit policy to the Policy Committee for approval.</p>

	<p>of credits acquired at other institutions and/or home schooling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mr. Wellman asked why only the 3 credit limit for on-line courses. ◆ Mr. Mulvihill noted the policy allows for waivers and discussed how the school would prefer students take the prescribed course of study. ◆ Mrs. Thomas also mentioned the policy does not limit credit hours taken, only those applied to graduation. ◆ Mrs. Thomas moved to bring on-line credit policy to the Policy Committee for approval, seconded by Mrs. Llerena; motion passed unanimously. 	
3.C.	<p>Long Range Goals of Committee on Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mr. Mulvihill will have 24 projects to do next year. ◆ Mr. Lawson suggested following the five year plan and strategic plan as closely as possible. ◆ Mrs. Thomas urged that curriculum ideas not be brought to the committee at budget time. ◆ Mr. Mulvihill noted that a new course should be presented in the fall; if not offered then it would not be included until the year following. ◆ Mrs. Thomas resolved to follow the five year curriculum plan 2008-2013 and the strategic plan as closely as possible to what is presented. Mrs. Llerena seconded, resolution passed unanimously. 	<p>Resolution passed unanimously to follow the five year curriculum plan 2008-2013 and the strategic plan as closely as possible to what is presented.</p>
4.	<p>Adjourn Mrs. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Thomas; motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lawson, Chairperson
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