

NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
New Milford Public Schools
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COMMITTEE ON LEARNING
MEETING NOTICE

GEORGE C. BUCKBEE
TOWN CLERK

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2011 SEP 16 P 1:12

NEW MILFORD, CT

DATE: September 20, 2011
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Lillis Administration Building – Room 2

AGENDA

New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board welcomes public participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Educations personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the New Milford Public School System.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Review and approval of curriculum:

- 1. AP French
- 2. Early Childhood
- 3. Marketing I

Barbara Polley
Kris Kaczka / Denise Duggan
Dr. McLaughlin

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Windows on New Milford
- B. Strategic School Profile
- C. NEASC
- D. August Professional Development Update
- E. Curriculum Update

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5. ADJOURN

Sub-Committee Members: Mrs. Alexandra Thomas, Chair
Mr. David A. Lawson
Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon
Mrs. Nancy C. Tarascio-Latour

Alternates: Mr. Thomas McSherry
Mr. Rodney Weinberg

**New Milford Board of Education
 Committee on Learning Sub-Committee
 September 20, 2011
 Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present:	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas, Chairperson
	Mr. David Lawson
	Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon
	Mr. Rodney Weinberg

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Dr. Maureen McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Greg Shugrue, Principal, New Milford High School
	Mrs. Dana Ford, Principal, Schaghticoke Middle School
	Mrs. Paula Kelleher, Principal, John Pettibone Elementary School
	Mrs. Susan Murray, Principal, Northville Elementary School
	Dr. Sandy Nadeau, Principal, Hill & Plain Elementary School
	Mrs. Barbara Polley, Teacher, New Milford High School
	Mrs. Kris Kaczka, Teacher, New Milford High School
	Mrs. Denise Duggan, Teacher, New Milford High School

1.	Call to Order Mrs. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Thomas seated Mr. Weinberg for Mrs. Tarascio-Latour.	Call to Order
2	Public comment No public comment.	Public Comment
3. A.	Discussion and Possible Action Review and approval of curriculum 1. AP French Language and Culture Mrs. Polley informed the committee about the new AP French Language and Culture course received from the college board. Dr. McLaughlin added the curriculum will be reviewed in the spring after the teacher has had time to go through a full year of the course. 2. Early Childhood Mrs. Kaczka and Mrs. Duggan discussed the one semester class as a prerequisite for Child Development which has been in place since 1996. The Early Childhood curriculum will include information on children and infants and how they learn and grow.	Discussion and Possible Action: AP French Language and Culture Early Childhood

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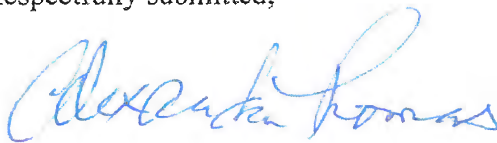
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	<p>Ninety students signed up for the class; it is being taught in three sections with 26-29 students each. The prerequisite requirement of Child Development was waived for 12th graders.</p> <p>3. Marketing I Because of the absence of the authors of this curriculum, Dr. McLaughlin presented it to the committee.</p> <p>Mrs. Rigdon moved to bring AP French Language and Culture, Early Childhood, and Marketing I to the full board for discussion and possible action and approval. Mr. Weinberg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Marketing I</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring AP French Language and Culture, Early Childhood, and Marketing I to the full board for discussion and possible action and approval.</p>
<p>4. A.</p> <p>B.</p> <p>C.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion Windows on New Milford Dr. McLaughlin highlighted portions of the report including CMT/CAPT results and high school assessments.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson inquired about large deviations and further added that teachers are doing the best job with what they have. Mrs. Thomas would like to hear specific strategies that could make a difference.</p> <p>Strategic School Profile Dr. McLaughlin commented on portions of the SSP such as the increase in the percent of students now eligible for free and reduced meals and the increase in juniors and seniors working more hours after school. The number of students with autism has also increased.</p> <p>NEASC Sent a letter to Mr. Shugrue citing some of the accomplishments at the high school; they are planning to schedule an evaluation visit in 2014.</p>	<p>Items for Discussion Windows on New Milford</p> <p>Strategic School Profile</p> <p>NEASC</p>

D.	August Professional Development Update Dr. McLaughlin reported that PD workshops were overwhelmingly well received.	August Professional Development Update
E.	Curriculum Update Dr. McLaughlin plans to present more curriculum and the 5-year curriculum plan at next month's meeting.	Curriculum Update
5.	Adjourn By motion of Mr. Lawson, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m., motion seconded by Mr. Weinberg and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion Made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Thomas, Chairperson
Committee on Learning

The Committee on Learning documents
can be previewed in the
Office of the Assistant Superintendent—
Lillis Administration Building—Room 6.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.