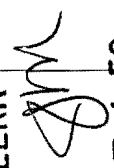


NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
New Milford Public Schools
50 East Street
New Milford, Connecticut 06776

COMMITTEE ON LEARNING
MEETING NOTICE

DATE:	May 17, 2011
TIME:	7:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Lillis Administration Building – Room 2

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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. Ceramics I
2. Childhood Development
3. Introduction to Psychology

Dr. McLaughlin
Mrs. Kacza
Mr. Elliott / Mr. Jarvis

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Summer School
- B. August Professional Development Plan
- C. Curriculum Update

Dr. McLaughlin
Dr. McLaughlin
Dr. McLaughlin

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

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.

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 Committee on Learning Sub-Committee
 May 17, 2011
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Present:	Mrs. Alexandra Thomas, Chairperson
	Mr. David Lawson
	Mr. Thomas McSherry
	Mrs. Lynette Celli Rigdon

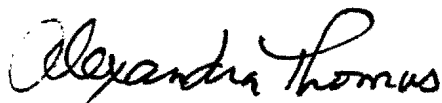
Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools
	Dr. Maureen McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent
	Mrs. Chalice Racey, Teacher
	Mr. Josh Elliott, Teacher
	Mr. Wisdom Jarvis, Teacher
	Mrs. Karen Hartle, Literacy Coach
	Mrs. Cheryl Morosko, Literacy Coach

1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Committee on Learning Sub-Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Thomas. Mr. McSherry was seated for the meeting.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment Mrs. Racey discussed the proposed Introduction to Psychology curriculum.	Public Comment
3. A.	Discussion and Possible Action Review and Approval of Curriculum 1. Introduction to Psychology Mrs. Thomas asked members if they wanted to set a special meeting to review the proposed curricula to give themselves more time to become familiar with the new format as the documents were received just prior to the meeting. All members agreed to a special meeting. Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Elliott explained the standards used as the basis for the proposed curriculum and answered specific questions regarding the curriculum posed by Mrs. Rigdon. Mr. McSherry asked Mr. Elliott and Mr. Jarvis if they believe the format and assessments will achieve what they want from the course. Each teacher replied in the affirmative.	Discussion and Possible Action Review and Approval of Curriculum

	<p>Dr. McLaughlin introduced Mrs. Hartle and Mrs. Morosko, literacy coaches, to discuss the status of the K-8 language arts curriculum.</p> <p>Mrs. Hartle explained the status of the language arts curriculum in grades K-6. She reviewed what was done in the past, what we accomplished this year, and our plans for the summer.</p> <p>Mrs. Morosko focused on the work begun by a committee of English teachers last summer. They created maps for each grade level, and essential questions were organized. Teachers have been piloting the draft of the maps this year. This summer teachers will continue to develop units.</p> <p>Mr. McSherry noted he would like to see the goal as a seamless transition throughout all grades and asked what the program is for the 7th and 8th grades.</p> <p>Dr. McLaughlin explained that work was also begun last summer in grades 7 and 8, continued this school year, and will resume this August. Ultimately, we will have a K-12 language arts curriculum when all the pieces come together.</p> <p>Mrs. Thomas acknowledged the volume of work required. Mrs. Thomas asked each Mrs. Hartle and Mrs. Morosko what challenges they saw.</p> <p>Mrs. Hartle mentioned at the intermediate level it was to have all teachers teach mini lessons rather than whole group instruction. Mrs. Morosko said that next year one of the challenges will be working in a block schedule for the first time at the high school.</p>	
<p>4. A.</p>	<p>Items for discussion Summer School</p> <p>Dr. McLaughlin updated the committee on summer school; she has twenty applications from teachers who want to teach reading this summer in grades 3-8. We will know better the number of students to be recommended once the DRA2 and DRP results are compiled this month.</p>	<p>Items for discussion Summer School</p>

	<p>The high school has a proposed summer school program utilizing Odysseyware software for credit retrieval.</p> <p>August Professional Development Plan B. Dr. McLaughlin distributed a memo highlighting the guest speakers for August PD: August 17-18 Andy Platt, co-author <u>The Skillful Leader I & II</u> will meet with administrators focusing on mediocre teaching. August 24 Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, co-author <u>CT's Framework for RTI</u> will address the entire faculty, and August 25 Richard Lavoie will speak to the entire faculty on teaching strategies.</p> <p>C. Curriculum Update Childhood Development curriculum will be available for the special meeting of this subcommittee which will be held on May 31 at 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>August Professional Development Plan</p> <p>Curriculum Update</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Adjournment Mr. McSherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjournment Motion made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Alexandra Thomas, Chairperson
 Committee on Learning