NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

New Milford Public Schools 50 East Street New Milford, Connecticut 06776

COMMITTEE ON LEARNING MEETING NOTICE

DATE: November 6, 2018

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

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3. Presentation

A. Instructional Coaching in Action

4. Item of Information

A. Possible Budget Drivers

5. Public Comment

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6. Adjourn

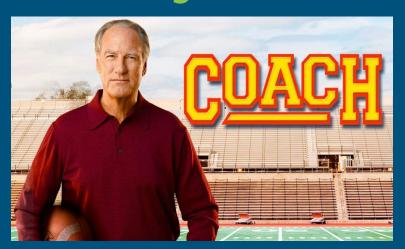
Sub-Committee Members: Tammy McInerney, Chairperson

Bill Dahl Joseph Failla J.T. Schemm

Alternates: Angela C. Chastain

Brian McCauley

Instructional Coaching in Action



2018-2019

Instructional Coaching:



- Is job embedded (in practice)
 - o It attends to teachers' own classrooms and their own strengths, needs and interests.
- Is about professional learning.
 - Teachers learn when coaching is effectively implemented
 - Coaching enhances teachers' capacity; coaches don't "fix" teachers or tell them what to do
- Supports reflection about students, the curriculum and pedagogy
 - Coaching must not only focus on one of these, but all
- Helps teachers enhance their success as teachers

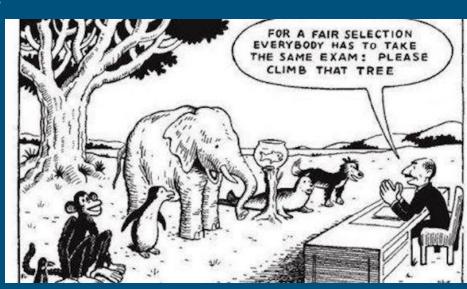
Coaching is coaching and it is not dependent on a label or title

- Cathy Toll, Educational Coaching; A Partnership for Problem Solving

In a Time Before Coaches...

This is what professional learning looked like: (standards based)

- All teachers receive same PD
- Either way above or repetitive for teachers
- Theory, theory, theory
- Not sure what to take away and use
- Stand and deliver model
- No personal relationship



What do we do?



- Build Relationships: You may not remember your six grade teacher's teaching, but you remember how she/he made you feel
- True coach: on the field, guiding the game, supporting the players
- Support Teachers in the creation of self selected learning goals.

- Work with PLCS
- Work one on one with teachers
- Host PDs for teachers by grade level or whole school
- Support strong instruction



What does it look like?

Teacher Meetings:

- Teachers meet, chose goal based on their own chosen areas for growth
- Work together once per cycle or once per two cycles to plan for improved instruction
- Includes on the job training: demos, co-teaching, coaching while teaching



What does it look like?

Professional Development:

- Targets of lessons and units
- Vertical alignment of skills in order support students at any level
- Structures and routines of programs used in district



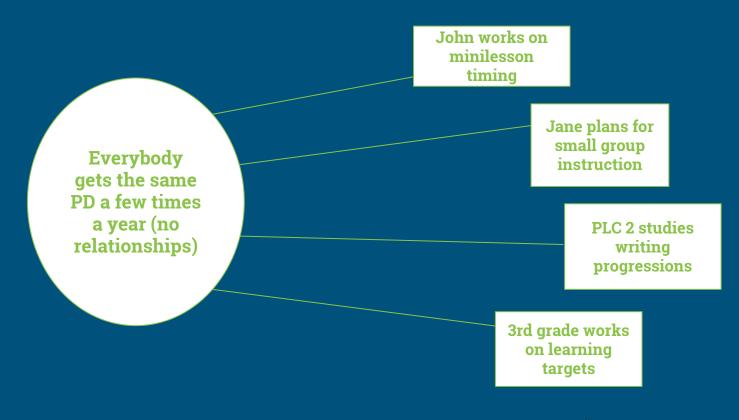
What does it look like?

PLCs:

- Support teachers in staying on pace
- Support teachers in growing practice
- Setting group goals in same manner as teacher meetings



Professional Learning: Then & Now

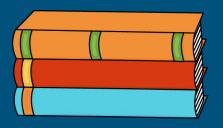


What other hats do we wear?

Curriculum (Under the Guidance of the Assistant Superintendent):

- Creating pacing guide alongside teachers
- Norming assessments and supporting teachers with grading practices
- Writing report card companions to support teachers with teachers
- Rewriting/Implementing assessments to better align work with data

Literacy Coaches: What is our role?



- Hill and Plain & Northville:
 - Facilitating Phonics Pilot
 - Piloting: Teachers College Units of Study in Phonics & Fountas and Pinnell Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study System
 - Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool (IMET)
 - Teacher Input
 - Data
- Sarah Noble:
 - Facilitating "Think Tanks," vocabulary and word work.
- Work Happening in all Three K-5 Schools:
 - Teachers College Units of Study rollout:
 - Structure of minilessons and the reading and writing workshop model
 - Scoring and analyzing running records to inform new instruction
 - Analyzing progressions to better understand alignment to standards

Math Coaches: What is our role?

Hill and Plain & Northville

- Aligning assessments to standards
- Unpacking the math program

Sarah Noble

- Facilitating "Think Tanks"
- Assisting teachers in developing personalized student goals

Work Happening in all Three K-5 Schools

- Implementation and support of Exemplars Problem Solving for 21st Century Learning
- Unpacking the Standards with teachers to see progressions of skills through grades
- Small Group Instruction Planning



How does the coaching model work at Schaghticoke?



Assessment Tools

- Running Records
- NWEA Lexile Level

Schaghticoke Middle School

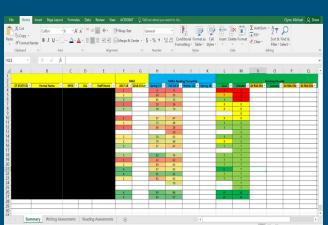
- Collaborate with teachers in developing personalized goals
- English Language Arts, Social Studies, Reading

Professional Learning

Supporting/Meeting teachers where they are in the best interest of the students

Data Coach: What is his role?

- Assessment Tools
 - Livebook
 - Shared Drive Excel sheets
- Schaghticoke Middle School
 - Assisting teachers in developing personalized student goals
 - Math and Science teams
- District Work
 - Larger Scale Analysis

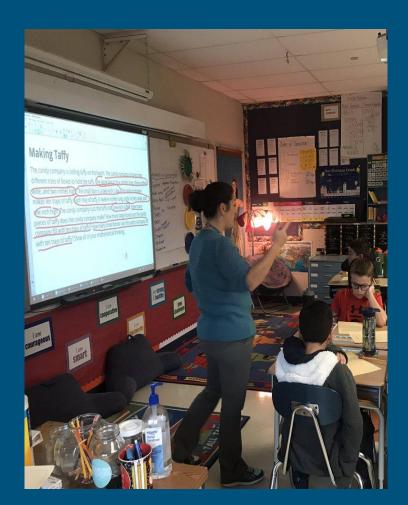






Coaching - Teacher Thoughts

- NMPS Teacher Feedback
 - "She is an amazing resource and just an overall positive co-worker."
 - "Always prepared with a toolbox full of math strategies that teachers can use in their lessons."
 - "It so refreshing to have the opportunity to work with you. I realized some of my strengths as well as weaknesses as a professional educator. I will work on my mini-lessons."
- Teaching to Coaching (Kate)



Coaching In Action!



In a nutshell?



We support student success through better planning, instruction, and implementation of curriculum.