

Tolland Board of Education

Curriculum Committee Minutes

March 4th, 2021

Members Present: Jacob Marie (Co-Chair), Madhu Renduchintala (Co-Chair), Christine Griffin

Others Present: Dr. Willett (Superintendent of Schools)

Meeting called to order at 3:37pm

SBAC - Discussed student and financial impacts of opting out. This is not progress monitoring but more accountability monitoring. Dr. Willett will be drafting letter to in essence say we understand the foundation in equity that needed to be addressed. We recommend replacing them with progress monitoring assessment like IAB.

Covid Update - Went over vaccinations for staff. Discussed Q&A form for the 5 day in person. Dr. Willett spoke about recovery.

Plans for preparing for mental health/outreach to families in need. Spoke about the rise in anxiety. Spoke about how school counselors can help with students who do not see services, help with addressing the pandemic impact on this, the rise in DCF referrals, familial issues, etc. and how important that we have the processes in place to help. Anxiety was an issue prior to the pandemic but pandemic made it worse. May talk until the end of the 2022 school year before normalizing.

Intervention - what the statutes are with regard to intervention, and how intervention staves off more serious special ed costs later on. How intervention fits into the whole continuum of the educational system... and how it is good for kids (and for the community). - Being moved to different agenda.

NWEA Test Being replaced by IAB is something we are looking into, but not immediate.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Madhu Renduchintala