



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

June 17, 2019 – 7:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Opening

Dr. Violet Jimenez-Sims, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

Committee Members Present

Dr. Violet Jimenez Sims, Mr. Nicholas Mercier, Ms. Nancy Rodriguez

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Kristin Salerni, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Ms. Nancy Sarra, Ms. Wanda Lickwar

New Business

Review and approve minutes from the Curriculum Subcommittee meeting on March 18, 2019

There were no recommended changes to the minutes from the Curriculum Subcommittee meeting on March 18, 2019.

Overview of Comprehensive Curriculum Work Presentation

Mr. Jonathan Costa, EdAdvance Assistant Executive Director, presented an overview of the work that his consulting firm has done regarding the revision of our curriculum including their mission statement and strategic goals for the district. Given his continued partnership with the district, subcommittee members requested that Mr. Costa present the overview of his program to the full Board of Education at their regular board meetings scheduled for August 19, 2019 and December 2, 2019. These dates were chosen in order for all current and incoming board members to receive the information.

Discussion: HB 7083 AAC THE INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICAN AND LATINO STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM / HB 7082 AAC THE INCLUSION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Dr. Jimenez Sims discussed these recent state bills and how they would impact future district curriculum. Accordingly, she recommended adding appropriate language regarding African American and Latino studies to the Administrative Procedure (Section B: Curriculum/Materials) of Policy 0523.10 – Multicultural Education. Dr. Jimenez Sims will share this recommendation with the Policy Subcommittee.

Discussion: SB 1020 AAC THE INCLUSION OF INSTRUCTION IN CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PEDAGOGY AND PRACTICE IN THE PRESERVICE TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROVIDED TO TEACHERS

Dr. Jimenez Sims brought this recent state bill to the subcommittee's attention and encouraged them to consider future effects it will have on teacher training, special education coursework and ARC (Alternate Route to Education) instruction. Mr. Mercier noted that further discussions, including potential policy implications, may be needed with regard to the addition of culturally

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responsive pedagogy and practice to professional development and in-service training that the Board of Education is required to provide for their teachers.

Closing and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.