



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

December 16, 2019 – 6:45 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Opening

Dr. Violet Jiménez Sims, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

Committee Members Present

Mr. Merrill Gay, Ms. Diane Leja, Mr. Nicholas Mercier, Dr. Violet Jiménez Sims

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Mr. Michael Foran, Mr. Damon Pearce, Ms. Kristin Salerni, Ms. Nancy Sarra

New Business

Discuss New High School Graduation Requirements

Mr. Michael Foran, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Damon Pearce, New Britain High School Principal, presented recommended changes in graduation requirements that are being proposed beginning with the Class of 2023 in response to changes in state law. The overall credit requirement is increasing to a minimum of twenty-five total credits with the addition of specific requirements in some areas and a general increase in flexibility in other areas. Mr. Pearce would like to finalize approval of these new graduation requirements as soon as possible since it will impact course selection for next year starting in February. It was recommended that the new graduation credit requirements be forwarded to the full Board of Education for approval at the next regular meeting. Revisions to the current board policy regarding graduation requirements will be made at a later date.

Review and approve minutes from the Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting on November 18, 2019

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

Digital Arts Curriculum Presentation

Mr. Pearce presented a draft of the curriculum for a proposed Digital Arts 1 course at New Britain High School. Digital arts students will receive instruction from an art teacher while utilizing tablets and styluses to create art using a computer software program. Students will digitally illustrate, paint, draw, and manipulate photography to create works of art, which are relevant skills in today's art society. Subcommittee members approved the continued development of the Digital Arts 1 curriculum and coursework.

Closing and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

New Britain Board of Education

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