



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting

May 22, 2023 – 6:15 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Opening

Mr. Anthony Kane, Curriculum Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6: 51 PM.

Board Members Present

Mr. Merrill Gay, Mr. Anthony Kane, Mr. Joseph Listro, Ms. Diana Reyes, and Ms. Tina Santana.

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Lara Bohlke, Mr. Matt Bornn, Mr. James Brasile, Ms. Kristina DeNegre, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Mr. Damon Pearce, Mr. Tyrone Richardson, Dr. Nicole Sanders#, Ms. Sandra Sandford#, and Ms. Ivelise Velazquez.

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New Business

Review and Approve Minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 20, 2023

Ms. Reyes motioned to approve minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 20, 2023, seconded by Ms. Santana. Motion carried unanimously.

Accept Monthly EdAdvance Report

Presentation: Monthly EdAdvance Report

Presented by Ms. Kristina DeNegre and Mr. Tyrone Richardson

May 2023 Update:

Department of Academics Updates:

- Spring iReady Testing has been completed for all current students in grades K-8. Scores are being compiled to be presented to the board at a later date. Compared to last spring (Spring 21-22 compared to Spring 22-23) most schools made an average 5.1% improvement in Literacy in students scoring in tier 1 and a 4.7% average increase in students performing at tier 1 in Math.
- Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) are currently happening across the district as well as the Next Generation Science Standards Assessments have taken place for Grade 5 and 8 students. A variety of different events have taken place (pep rallies, encouragement parades, and poster making projects) to get students excited about taking the assessment. School Principals have been communicating to parents and families the importance of the assessments and getting their children to school on time as well as ensuring they are well rested and prepared for the assessments on their testing day.
- During April and May, over 400 cohort 2023 12th grade students had the opportunity to fulfill their graduation requirement and present their senior capstone to a panel of staff. Requirements included that students reflect on their previous grades, demonstrate application skills and present their plan for life for after graduation.
- New Britain High School multilingual students have recently participated in testing to qualify for the CT Seal of Biliteracy

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(CTSOB). This year we have 217 sophomores, juniors and seniors who have taken the assessments and will qualify for the CTSOB upon graduation.

- Pk-5 School Administrators have been embarking on a professional development focusing on the 7 Elements of Teaching Reading (Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Oral Language, Automaticity, Vocabulary, Fluency, and Comprehension). They will have their third session of a three-part series in May focusing on Progress Monitoring and Assessments.
- K-5 Teachers have received two of three informational sessions for the ARC rollout. Coaches at each building has gotten teachers familiar with the structures of the program, unit setup, and resources. The last session is taking place this month.
- 6-12 School Administrators have continued working on collaborating, and calibrating with one another on DOK (Depth of Knowledge). Most recently they brought in videos, student work samples, and lesson plans to review in groups.
- Depth of Knowledge (DOK) Walkthroughs continue in schools and teachers continue to receive feedback on the levels of questions being asked as well as the students' responses to these questions. We are paying particular attention to the students' responses in order to see the impact the questions are having on students' learning and their acquisition of the learning planned for the day that is aligned to standards.
- 6-12 Leaders have also begun reading the book "Hacking School Discipline." They are participating in a protocol to reflect, acknowledge, and plan next steps for their school building around cultivating relationships through restorative practices.

EdAdvance Update:

K-5 SS Curriculum Update:

- Curriculum Overview Maps are being finalized for the units of study and a crosswalk was completed to align the units of study for each grade with the ARC unit themes when applicable.
- Each unit will include summaries, compelling questions, supporting questions, and targeted vocabulary.
- EdAdvance also highlighted within each unit where the crossover occurs

Smalley Update

- Student centered learning is evident and continues to be a strength - 80% or higher in all classrooms for student-centered learning
- Kindergarten - Student centered focus data is not as strong in comparison to other grade levels but it is still solid.
- Strong evidence of essential questions

Middle School Updates

- Social Studies Update
 - Social Studies implementation has been steadily improving across both schools. Pulaski has been very solidly improving the past two months. Slade's implementation has also improved during the past two walkthroughs.

Presentation: CSDNB Science Curriculum "May 2023 Science"– Presentation attached

Presented by Ms. Lara Bohlke and Mr. Matt Bornn

Closing and Adjournment

Ms. Reyes motioned to adjourn at 7:16pm, seconded by Ms. Santana. Motion carried unanimously

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