



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting

May 23, 2022 – 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 7:37 PM.

Board Members Present

Mr. Merrill Gay*, Mr. Anthony Kane*, Mr. Joseph Listro*, Ms. Annie Parker#, Ms. Diana Reyes*, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly#, Ms. Tina Santana*#

*Committee member

#Attended remotely

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Kristina DeNegre, Mr. Michael Foran, Ms. Kristin Salerni, Ms. Nancy Sarra

New Business

Review and Approve Minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 21, 2022

There were no recommended changes to the minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 21, 2022.

Ms. Reyes motioned to approve the minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 21, 2022 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Listro. Motion carried unanimously.

Accept Monthly EdAdvance Report

Ms. Lara Bohlke, District Coordinator of Curriculum for Grades 6-12, and Ms. Amy Anderson, District Coordinator of PK-5 Curriculum, shared a link to the Monthly EdAdvance Reports with committee members. Committee members reviewed actions, accomplishments, and next steps for the month of April.

Approve 6-8 ELA and K-5 Math Renewed Curriculum

The Academics Department is seeking Board approval to move forward with Middle School English Language Arts (Grades 6-8) and Elementary Math (Grades K-5) renewed curricula. Ms. Bohlke and Ms. Anderson presented a slideshow to committee members highlighting the main elements of the renewed curriculum including pacing calendars, how-to guides and sample units. The presentation is attached.

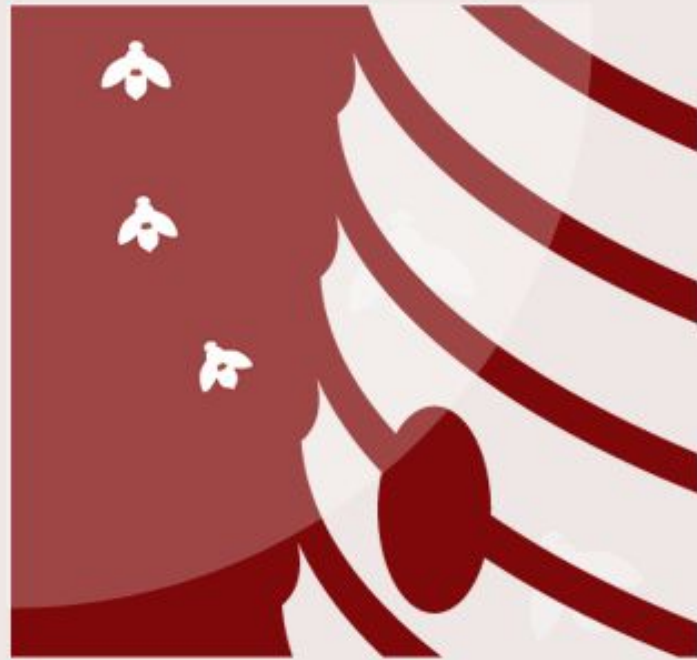
The Curriculum Committee recommended to place approval of 6-8 English Language Arts and K-5 Math renewed curriculum on the Board's Consent Agenda for the regular meeting on June 6, 2022.

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Gayle Sanders-Connolly – President | Merrill Gay – Vice President | Joseph Listro – Secretary

Anthony Cane | Monica Dawkins | Anthony Kane | Matthew Marino | Annie S. Parker | Diana Reyes | Tina Santana

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.



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Common Elements Across All Content Areas

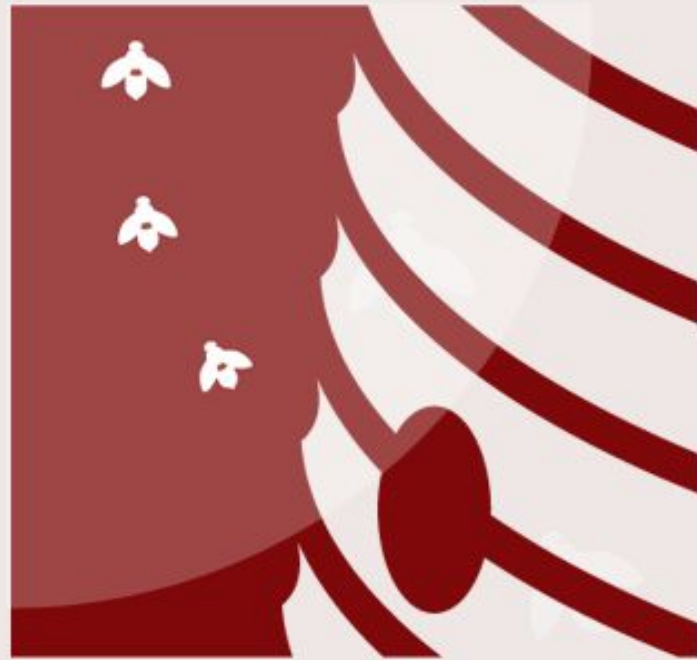
- **Essential questions developed to engage students in critical thinking and inquiry**
- **Profile of a Graduate Focus**
- **Designed with Content Area Standards/Frameworks and CT English Language Proficiency (CELP) Standards**
- **Specific Skills ★ Student-Centered Learning Experiences ★ Assessments
in alignment with Standards, Frameworks and PoG**
- **Culturally Responsive Teaching Resources**
- **Strategies to support all learners**

Middle School English Language Arts Grades 6-8

- Includes [Pacing Calendar](#) (Revised for snow days. Teachers have largely been able to adhere to intended pacing.)
- Curriculum Maps: [Grade 6](#); [Grade 7](#); [Grade 8](#)
 - At-a-glance format includes priority standards, approach to texts, Essential Question, etc.
- How-to Guides at each Grade Level: [Grade 6](#); [Grade 7](#); [Grade 8](#)
 - Scope and Sequence, Lesson Plan Templates and Samples
- Includes [Relevant Rubrics](#)
 - Adapted from Smarter Balanced Rubrics
 - Adapted from [PV Legs](#)
- 6 units per grade level: Four 6-7 week units, Two 2-3 week mini-units
- Book clubs: 2 at Grade 6, 2 at Grade 7, 3 at Grade 8 (5 choices per book club. Range of texts.)
- Novel Studies: 2 per Grade Level
- Sample Unit with Annotations: [Grade 7 Unit 2](#)
 - Unit Title: Moment of Truth
 - Unit Essential Question: How can one event change everything?
 - Book Club Unit: *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*, *Apollo 13: Houston We Have a Problem: The True Story of the Apollo 13 Disaster*, *Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio*, *Unbroken (Young Adult Adaptation)*, *We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success*

Elementary Math Grades K-5

- Includes [Pacing Calendar](#) (Revised for snow days. Teachers have largely been able to adhere to intended pacing.)
- How-to Guides at each Grade Level: [Grade K](#); [Grade 1](#); [Grade 2](#); [Grade 3](#); [Grade 4](#); [Grade 5](#)
 - Scope and Sequence, Lesson Plan Templates and Samples
- Consistent Routines, many of which are common K-8: [Sample of Routines at Grade 3](#)
 - WarmUp routines, Language routines for English Learners
- 7 units per grade level at Grades K, 1, 3 & 5. 8 units per Grade Level at Grades 2 & 4
- Math Centers at all Grade Levels built into math block in Grades K-2, complementary to math block in Grades 3-5.
- [Math Picture Books for Grades K-3](#)
 - Purchased (if available) in digital format and in Spanish and Arabic
- Sample Unit: [Grade 3 Unit 3](#)
- All student materials available in Spanish



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