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**NEW BRITAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 – 6:15 PM | NEW BRITAIN EDUCATIONAL
ADMINISTRATION CENTER**



NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: New Britain Board of Education Members
Mayor Erin Stewart
Mr. Mark H. Bernacki, Town and City Clerk
New Britain Common Council Members

DATE: September 15, 2023

RE: New Britain Board of Education Committee Meetings

The following Board of Education committee meetings will be held:

- **The New Britain Board of Education Policy Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
- **The New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:15 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.

Members of the public may attend meetings in person or view a live broadcast of the proceedings online via the livestream link:

<https://www.csdnb.org/board/>

The agendas and board packets in their entirety can be found on the Board of Education website:
<https://www.csdnb.org/board/BOE-2023-Meetings-Documents-Calendar.php>





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New Britain Board of Education | Curriculum Committee Regular Meeting

September 18, 2023 – 6:15 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

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1. Call to Order and Opening

- A. Meeting Called to Order

2. Presentation

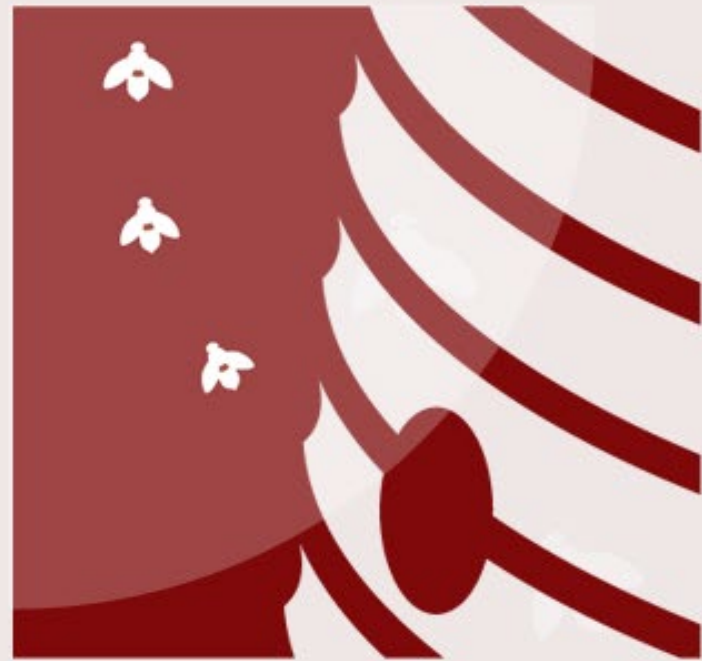
- A. Multilingual Department Newcomer Curriculum Review & Revision
Presented by Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina | Page 4

3. New Business

- A. Review and Approve Minutes from Curriculum Committee Meeting on May 22, 2023
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | Page 10
- B. Informational Update Regarding Offerings Referred to as “Honors Level” – Slade & Pulaski Middle School
Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper

4. Closing and Adjournment

- A. Other Business as Permitted by Law
- B. Adjournment



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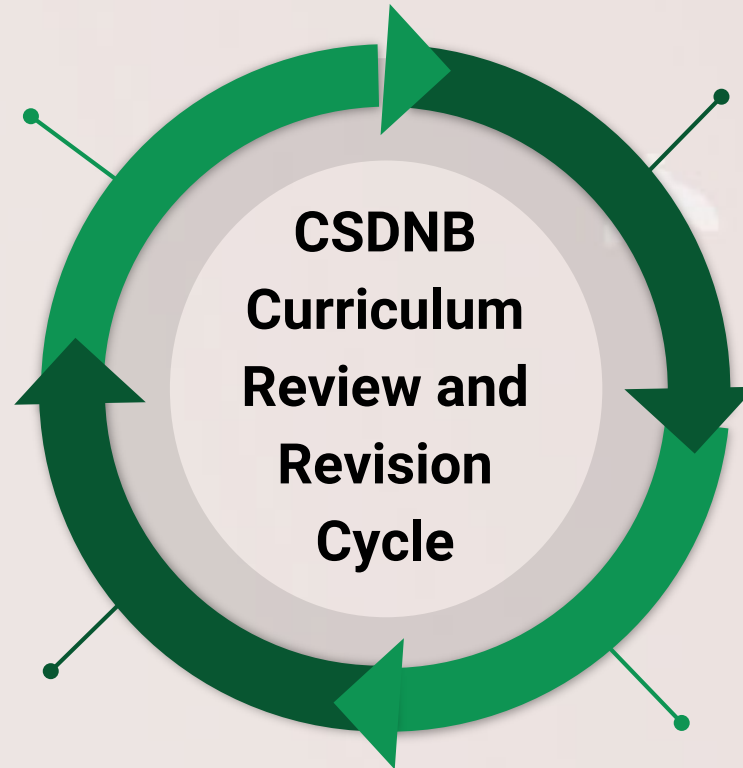
CSDNB CURRICULUM REVIEW AND REVISION CYCLE

STEP FOUR: BOE APPROVAL

Make necessary adjustments based on the pilot, discuss with stakeholders, and bring to the BOE curriculum committee for approval.

STEP THREE: PILOT

Use the draft curriculum units and/or materials with a subset of students including students with disabilities and multilingual learners.



STEP ONE: DATA REVIEW

Review student outcome data to determine if students are responding to the curriculum with increasing levels of proficiency. IF the data shows no revision is needed, the curriculum will be placed on a list for review in another 2 years.

STEP TWO: REVISION

Revise the curriculum with teachers including special education and multilingual staff.

Common Elements Across All Content Areas

- **Essential questions developed to engage students in critical thinking and inquiry**
- **High quality rigorous standards**
- **Designed with CT English Language Proficiency (CELP) Standards**
- **Specific Skills ★ Student-Centered Learning Experiences ★ Assessments**
- **Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching Resources**
- **Strategies to support all ML students**
- **Units written by ESL staff with sustained support from ML Coaches**

ML Department Newcomer Curriculum

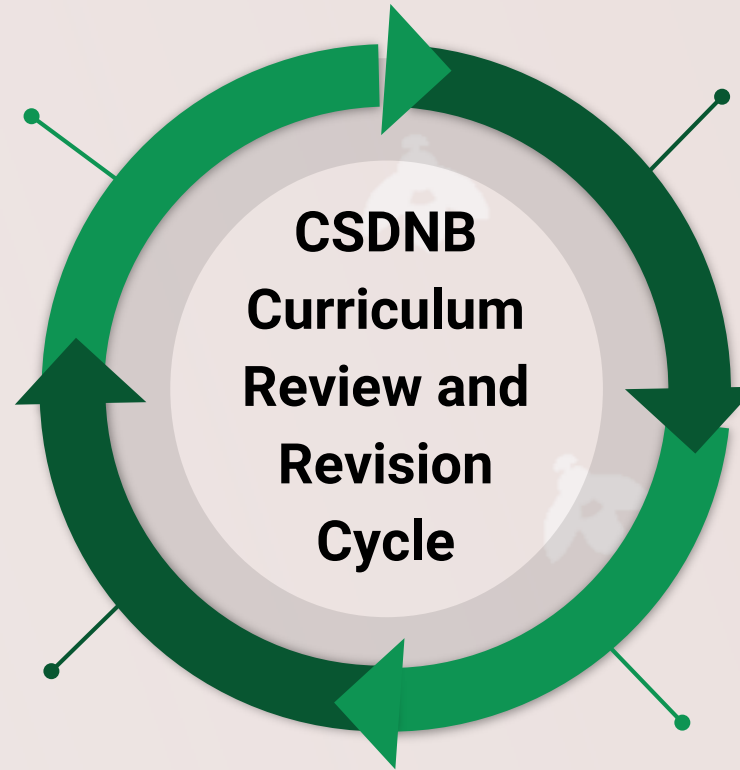
Beginner ESL, Grades Gr. 1- 8

STEP FOUR: BOE APPROVAL

Bullet adjustments made based on the pilot, link to curriculum so BOE members can peruse units.

STEP THREE: PILOT

Bullet the main findings from piloting the curriculum inc feedback process and revisions made that accommodate students req special education services or ML support. Include points from student and teacher feedback processes.



STEP 1: COURSE DATA REVIEW

2023- 579 EL students with less than 20 months in ESL

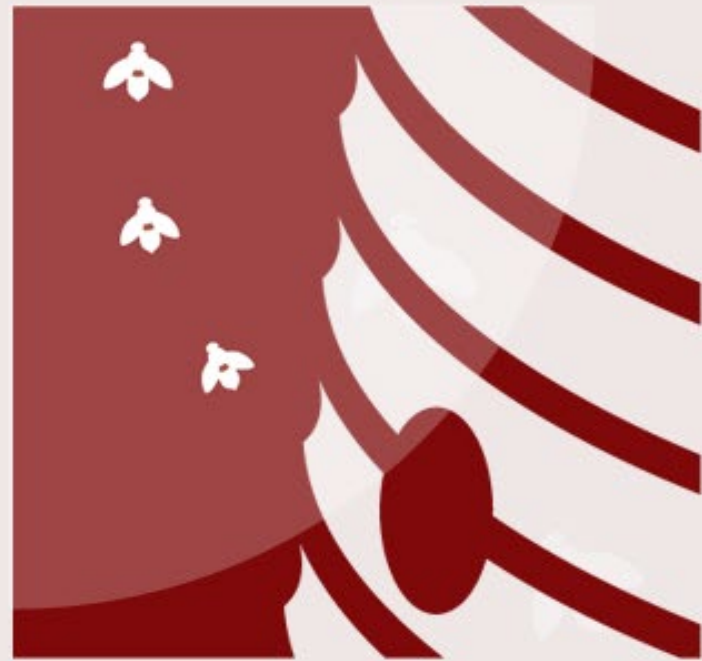
- 500 K-5 students
- 79 Gr. 6-8 students
- 5% increase since 2021

[Revised Newcomer Curriculum](#)

STEP TWO: COURSE REVISION

June 2023

Gr. 1-5 - Newcomer curriculum was revised by E. Kosinski and J. Landrum with three Elementary ML teachers
Gr. 6-8 - Newcomer Curriculum was revised by:
ML coaches C. Morant and two Middle School ML teachers



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NEW BUSINESS



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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.

#Online

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

(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