

School Committee Curriculum Subcommittee
Tuesday, September 29, 2020
4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Remote via Zoom

Curriculum Subcommittee Members Present: Jennifer Monopoli (Chair), Helen Charlupski, Susan Wolf Ditkoff, and Barbara Scotto.

Other School Committee Members Present: Suzanne Federspiel and David Pearlman.

Staff Present: Senior Director of Curriculum and Instruction Michelle Herman and Robin Coyne.

1) Discussion of 2020-2021 Curriculum Subcommittee Goals

Members suggested possible items for upcoming and future 2020-2021 Curriculum Subcommittee meetings:

- Brookline High School (BHS) - all models (including changes to curriculum and course offerings; plan to ensure that students make up any missed material and meet learning expectations; educator supports and professional development; class size; vision for the year; social and emotional supports; technology; support for post-graduate plans; transition to 9th grade; science labs; and visual and performing arts)
- Remote Learning Academy (RLA) and Hybrid pedagogical models (including operational needs, resources, and budgetary implications; curriculum/rigor; how staffing needs are being met; professional development; technology and bandwidth; supports to students and families; special education needs; schedule; amount of synchronous/asynchronous learning; amount of screen time; how students are doing and how the district is addressing social and emotional needs and isolation; and student participation and engagement). The BHS, RLA, and Hybrid reviews are needed to help the Finance Subcommittee identify fiscal priorities.
- How the district and partners are addressing needs (e.g., meals, technology, transportation, childcare) for specific groups of students/families (e.g., Steps to Success, English Learner, low-income households). Ms. Monopoli will see whether program representatives (including directors of Steps to Success, METCO, and English Learners) are available on November 17, 2020.
- Report on PreK-K in-person learning
- Essential Curriculum
- Math Program Review
- Middle School Review
- School Improvement Plans
- Differentiation
- Special Education (members raised the possibility of establishing a separate subcommittee on Special Education)
- Planning for summer 2021
- Teaching and Learning organizational structure and needs
- Professional Development

2) 2020-2021 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2020-2021 Curriculum Subcommittee meeting schedule is as follows:

October 6, 2020 **4:00 PM-7:00 PM**

October 20, 2020 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

November 17, 2020 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

December 15, 2020 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

January 19, 2021 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

February 23, 2021 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

March 16, 2021 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

April 27, 2021 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

May 18, 2021 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

June 15, 2021 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Ms. Monopoli will communicate information requests to staff in advance and will request that staff developed materials/presentations be sent to the Subcommittee for review before the meetings. Ms. Monopoli will work with staff to identify the purpose of the presentations including whether the Subcommittee and School Committee need to make any decisions.

The agenda for the October 6, 2020 meeting (4:00 PM-7:00 PM) will include BHS and RLA Updates. The agenda for the October 20, 2020 meeting (4:00 PM-5:30 PM) will include the Hybrid Model and RemotePlus (if not already covered at a previous School Committee meeting).

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.