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Curriculum & Instruction Committee Minutes

November 4, 2022

12PM Central Office

Eleni D., Marie, Tracy Gambradella, Melinda McKenna were in attendance

- Field Trip Requests:
 - NHHS Band & Chorus; Boston, MA- Festivals of Music
 - 4/21/23-4/23/23
 - Used to go every year, festival of music, stay overnight, across the country, students perform there as a competition. Fundraise to go, means to provide for students who wouldn't be able to go otherwise, chaperone ratio is appropriate
 - CMEA Southern Regional Auditions- Select NHHS students – CT Music Association
 - 11/19/22
 - Location TBD – in CT so all set
 - NHHS Hockey Team – tournament play. Funds to pay - team bonding, high level competition
 - 2/4/23
 - Warwick, Rhode Island
 - NHHS Italian Class; Tenement Museum, tied into curriculum and world languages, objectives
 - Tentative date- 4/18/23
 - New York, NY

- New Club Proposals:
 - NHHS HBCU (Historically Black College & University) Crew: give students the chance to learn HBCU culture, experiences. Great idea, needs to be part of college and career counseling through guidance.
 - Impact CT Club - High School level, through sports teams have self generated fundraising, raise money and give to the salvation army.

- NHHS Proposal to Consolidate Mastery Based Diploma Assessment Disposition Journals

- EL Course Credit Proposal - award students who are taking EL course and give 1 elective credit. Levels the electives with other students.
- K-12 science coordinator (Paris) ordering scholastic world science magazine, ties in with



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curriculum of 6th grade. Supplemental piece.

- 6-8 Language Arts Curriculum Overview - Tracey Gambardella (K-8 ELA Coordinator) will join us for this discussion
 - Poet in residence - Town Poet, "Laurette". Will launch poetry unit in grade 2 and visit in second week in January. Will visit all four elementary schools
 - 2/18 poetry celebration in honor of healthcare workers, first responders and teachers. Teach the second graders, various poetry techniques. Unique opportunity
- Curriculum overview for LA
 - Want to develop life long learners
 - 5th - 6th grade, really looking at what level the students are in, looking at comprehension, reading for pleasure and academic purposes. Life long learning is essential.
 - Read for underlying themes and lessons
 - Performance on SBAC is exponentially increasing (book clubs, discourse conversations)
 - District wide reading and writing curriculum - district wide is non fiction right now, scaffolding curriculum from 5th -6th, but throughout
 - Reading and writing progression - speaks to the skills at certain grade levels.
 - Teachers do guided reading small groups, read alone, then move into strategy group as students get older, using the reading progression.
- 82 minute block break down reviewed (see power point) – increased student discourse, leveled reading, small groups, read aloud
- Grade 6 objectives: appropriate grade level strategies.
 - Drives have been created for all teachers and have access to all of the materials needed
 - Ensuring curriculum is being followed with walk through's and weekly meetings with teams and departments
 - Working to minimize distractions with phones and chromebooks especially during mini lessons
- Grade 7 objectives: see powerpoint
 - Objectives and context is written and assessed for each unit, teachers have the resources to answer questions for parents when and if needed

* *Determine next meeting date* Will be held on 11/10/22 at NHHS.