

# **EISA Subcommittee Agenda 11/18/21, 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

## **Room 121 - MS Wing**

### **Draft of 10/20/21 minutes**

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, School Board Subcommittee members Jamie Fitzpatrick and Dawn Dutton, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Teaching and Learning Patty Haynes, Director of Academic Intervention, Assessment, and Accountability Christine Desrochers, Director of Guidance Heidi Leavitt, K-6 Math Coordinator Donna Donnell, HS Principal Brian Stack, HS Assistant Principal Steve Krzyzanowski, MS Principal Matt Malila, Memorial Principal Ryan McCloskey, Bakie Principal Troy Kennett . Called to order by Chair Mahoney at 4:30 pm. Minutes of the 8/18/21 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Fitzpatrick requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that he raised concerns about book purchases, and that he stressed the board's goal of working toward the conversion of grades to numeric. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Dr. Haynes provided an update on the implementation of the new K-6 Envision math curriculum, which includes significant efforts to fill gaps from the previous curriculum. The search for a new 7-12 math curriculum is underway, with a January target to begin piloting.

Dr. Haynes reported that the NEASC district-wide accreditation work is progressing and a steering committee will begin meeting. Mr. Ambrose reported that the Strategic Plan is also progressing, and a draft will be circulated for feedback from staff, community, and board members. He stressed that there will be ample opportunity for input before the final version is presented.

Dr. Haynes presented about the administration's efforts to translate the current competency grades, with respect to the board's goal to move to a numeric grading system that translates to a letter grade in Alma and on report cards. Alma has functionality to support this, and Dr. Haynes presented a report card template which summarizes subject grades on an A-F letter grade scale, and also provides the competency grades for each subject. Ms. Dutton believes that providing students with a better understanding of their grades will give them a clearer pathway and motivation to improve. Mr. Fitzpatrick stressed the importance of being able to quantify the final grade, and believes it should promote better engagement with parents.

The High School administration reported on changes under consideration for next year to the schedule and program of studies, with the transition to a 6 period day to expand class time for core classes like math and ELA. They're reviewing options and feedback and will have more to report at a future meeting. Ms. Mahoney asked how band and choir will be scheduled. Mr. Stack stressed his commitment to those programs, and is reviewing scheduling options.

Public comment was received from Jennifer Lampron from Newton, who commented about the grading system, and appreciation for Mr. Stack's remarks about band and choir.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mahoney at 5:50 pm.

Call to order

Approve 10/20/21 minutes

1. Math Update: K-6 rollout & 7-12 pilots & selection process
2. HS Graduation Committee Update
3. Intervention Update and overview
4. Grading/Report Card Update
5. NHDOE communication regarding standardized test data for 20-21

Public Comment

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Adjourn