



March 1, 2017

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation Committee
Town Clerk

**Educational Evaluation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 5:15 p.m.
Superintendent's Large Conference Room**

Present: Sandra Berardy, Dan Boisvert, Carrie Baxter, Laurie Pallin, MJ Dix, Elizabeth Dorff, Kim Estep, and Addy Robarge

Absent: Colleen Rix

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:23 pm by Chair Carrie Baxter.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Report on Implementation of new Exploratories in Developmental Guidance, Research, and Enrichment at Tyl by M.J. Dix
 - Library exploratory topics include citation of sources, use of a wide variety of sources, and evaluation of their credibility
 - Developmental guidance exploratories are taught by guidance counselors. Each teaches the grade level they work with and the curriculum includes: Internet safety, problem-solving, decision-making, peer relationships, bullying, mindset, and career exploration. Feedback from students has been very positive; counselors value the opportunity to develop personal connections with students.
 - Enrichment exploratories focus on problem solving. The teacher sets out a problem and acts as a facilitator as students work in groups to solve it. Students are strengthening collaborative skills as they brainstorm solutions, implement steps, and reflect on the process they use. The teacher helps to expose inefficient versus productive methods to approach a problem.
 - Student response to all three exploratories is positive. They are graded on a pass / fail basis based upon participation and engagement in the work.
4. Textbook Request- AP Physics:
Elizabeth and Kim presented their request. Carrie asked if they couldn't use the text currently used by Honors Physics; Kim reported that the current text is too simple. Kim is currently supplementing this text with pages from AP resources she has.

Motion: To approve the use of new AP Physics textbook

Proposed by: Dan Boisvert

Seconded by: Sandra Berardy

Vote: All in Favor Carried (vote 3-0)

5. Textbook Request – Culinary:

Addie presented the rationale for the request. The department is currently using three different texts across three classes. Current texts are old, limited in scope Teachers would like one new text which would create an articulated path through the three elective courses. The text presented better connects to the precision exam and prepares students for the NOCTI exam. The writing is approachable for all students. Recipes are given in both customary and metric measures. Thirty texts would be needed to accommodate 250 students; they are not circulated home.

Motion: To approve the use of new Culinary textbook

Proposed by: Dan Boisvert

Seconded by: Sandra Berardy

Vote: All in Favor Carried (vote 3-0)

6. Reader's Workshop Units of Study, Program Adoption Proposal

Motion: To adopt the Reader's Workshop Units of Study Program

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy

Seconded by: Dan Boisvert

Vote: All in Favor Carried (vote 3-0)

7. Vertical Articulation, K-12 Music Meeting:
postponed

8. Preparation for Palmer Report:
postponed

9. Future Agenda Items:

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:56 pm

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy

Seconded by: Dan Boisvert

Vote: Carried unanimously (vote 3-0)