

**NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE  
MAY 30, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Artie Kassimis, Chair; Sherelle Harris, Shirley Mosby (6:25 p.m.)  
STAFF: Dr. Michael Conner, Deputy Superintendent; CISDs  
(Curriculum/Instruction Specialists: Italia Negroni, Rob Pennington;  
Janine Goss, ELA Instructional Specialist;  
Fox Run Teacher: Jonathan Lake;  
OTHER: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH): Brett Soucy, Carla Phillips-Persaud  
Mary Yordon, NFT

Call to Order

Mr. Kassimis called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and stated that those in attendance were as listed above. Despite the presence of a quorum the meeting began as an information session, until Committee members arrived.

2016-17 CK3LI Update and Presentation

Ms. Janine Goss, ELA Instructional Specialist delivered the power point presentation and showed a video on the program that covered the following areas:

Strategic Operating Plan Goal 1; Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction,  
Professional Learning, Teacher Knowledge, Assessment, Parent Engagement.

There was discussion and comments on the support, success and next steps as follows:

- Problem-solve distribution of resources with funding
- Provide Leadership Teams with more support
- Continue to build MTSS (Ti, T2, T3): Resources/practices
- Ongoing support with whole group/small group templates
- Continue to work on assessment administration and data analysis
- Continue to work with the Commission on Children, possibly a Parent University
- Focus on CORE instruction in areas of vocabulary and comprehension
- Renewed focus on Writing and the reciprocity of Reading/Writing
- Ongoing partnership with ELL and SPED for delivery of services
- Strive for an integrated approach with Social Studies/ Science/ELA

Ms. Mosby entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Pilot

Mr. Rob Pennington, Instructional Specialist delivered the power point presentation on the program that covered the following areas:

Purpose, Social Studies Design Project Framework/Timeline; Overview CT C3 Framework; Inquiry Arc/Literacy Alignment with CCSS; Disciplinary Framework; Teacher Survey, Completion Outcomes; Rubric of Organization/Layout; Visitation/Technology Survey;

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) representatives, Brett Soucy and Carla Phillips-Persaud then provided presentation on the curriculum recommendation.

There was discussion on how HMH addresses the goal of presenting history to students in an unbiased way without using offensive stereotypical language. Mr. Kassimis explained that this was the intention of updating the curriculum and he is not in a position to approve the recommendation until this can be accomplished with examples given.

Dr. Conner asked HMH to come back to the Committee with all top tier tools, resources, the teacher manual and examples of how these concepts are taught.

Mr. Kassimis suggested that a special meeting be scheduled for June to review the additional materials.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. HARRIS MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Knox,  
Telesco Secretarial Services