

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

10/1/18

Attendees: Susan Mercik Davis, Michelle Zawawi, Maureen Sattan, Jamie Drzyzga, Call to order: 5:15pm

- I. Discussion of Assistant Superintendent's (AS) vision/plan for curriculum and instruction within Suffield Public Schools
 - a. Michelle Zawawi discussed Tier 1 instruction. Discussion related to areas of strengths and areas for improvement in this arena. Teachers are engaging in PD and PLC time to enhance Tier 1 instruction; however, there needs to be a push towards student centered learning and overall increase in rigor across schools. Administrative feedback is crucial for accountability and enhancement of instruction. Building administrators will have an increased presence in classroom to provide more immediate feedback to all teachers and staff.
 - b. Michelle Zawawi discussed the concept of "rethinking" education in SPS which will enhance student learning, allow teachers to show creativity in classroom instruction and ultimately stimulate both student and teacher growth to new levels. This concept will allow students to have more flexibility with their schedules (particularly at the middle and high school), encourage and promote teachers to have more flexibility with teaching methodology and should improve student performance overall.
 - c. Restorative classroom and professional development surrounding Ross Greene, The Impact of Trauma on Learning will be introduced to teachers on October 5, 2018. Concepts will be explored continually throughout the year.
 - d. Curriculum will be posted to the website within the next few weeks. Parents will have access to all the curriculum work that is completed and/or in process of completion. Online availability of curriculum will enhance parents understanding of what children are working on and how they are being assessed within SPS.
 - e. Review of hiring updates for vacancies in Suffield Public Schools.
 - f. Next meeting will be held 11/9/18 and new courses will be presented to the committee for review.
- II. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm