

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 13
SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2014

Committee Members Present	:	S. Carleton, G. Emery, C. Bachofner, D. Robishaw, S. Roberts
Other Board Members Present	:	L. Andrews, C. Curtis, E. Kilgour, S. Hoyt
Staff Members Present	:	N. Guyer, C. Veit, R. Thompson, W. Gifford, D. Pietroski, J. Mahar, P. Desaulniers
Others Present	:	D. Curtis
Location	:	Oceanside High School East

I. Call to order:

This meeting was called to order by Curriculum Committee Chair, S. Carleton at 4:45 PM.

II. Review of OHS instructional schedule – Principals Gifford and Thompson:

Principals Gifford and Thompson provided overviews of the current instructional schedules at both Oceanside High School campuses.

Principal Gifford noted that the 80 minute/daily 4 block schedule at OHS-W has been, and continues to be a norm for the school. This scheduling pattern has contributed to less disruptions during the instructional day, the minimization of study halls, and the instituting of a 'flex time' period within the day which provides opportunities for needed instructional interventions, extensions, and special learning projects sponsored by individual teachers.

Principal Thompson noted that a similar schedule is in place this year at OHS-E as a default alternative to a contemplated 'hybrid schedule' that was unable to be successfully instituted for FY 15. Had the hybrid scheduling pattern been able to be achieved, it would have provided for different lengths of instructional periods during the day to accommodate varying educational objectives. Acknowledged were concerns expressed by some faculty regarding not meeting with students daily, 80 minutes being too long to maintain student engagement, the impact of sports related absences to the continuity of learning, and the increased presence of study halls within the schedule. Principal Thompson acknowledged that the present schedule is not the preferred fit for OHS-E, but also indicated that any schedule change would not be manageable for this school year. She, Principal Gifford, and OHS faculty will continue to gather information and planning resources as scheduling parameters are considered for FY 16.

The majority of Curriculum Committee members indicated that the committee should not advance any specific recommendation in this regard and affirmed the expectation that collaborative administrative and faculty efforts should guide future instructional schedule planning.

III. Review of K-4 proficiency-based report cards – N. Guyer, C. Veit:

Neal Guyer distributed draft copies of the kindergarten report card sample demonstrating the content and reporting changes that are occurring with the transition to proficiency-based learning. Similar reporting formats are being instituted up to grade 4 defining grade level standards within literacy and mathematics. Also shared was a parent letter that was sent to all parents (Oct. 22nd) in advance of 1st trimester reporting along with a sample copy of the new report card format that their child will be receiving. Carissa Veit explained that electronic formats for tracking standards attainment and reporting are being piloted this year, and as teachers eventually migrate to using a selected electronic system, the bulky first interactions of proficiency-based reporting will become more streamlined and teacher/parent friendly.

IV. Updates on K-7 World Language:

Neal Guyer informed committee members that a recent, very promising candidate for the open world language position declined a 2nd interview. Recruitment efforts of this position are continuing.

V. Other/Adjourn:

This meeting was adjourned by the Curriculum Committee Chair, S. Carleton at 6:28 PM.