

Salem School District
Curriculum Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Regular Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2023
Media Center
6:00 PM

Present: Kelly Francis and Dan Marsh
Administration: Brian Hendrickson, Superintendent; Megin Sechen, Assistant Principal

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Kelly Francis.
2. The subcommittee unanimously approved the meeting minutes from August 28, 2023. (DM/KF)
3. Math Curriculum Update: The subcommittee discussed the following:
 - PK-5 Bridges Math.
 - Still trying to determine what is best for grades 6-8, looking for a more blended model.
 - Universal screening: Star Math in grades 1-8 and AIMS Web grades K-8 – there will be 3 benchmarks yearly.

The subcommittee discussed the Math curriculum and it was noted that the curriculum will include a combination of homegrown and research-based resources.

4. ELA Curriculum Update: The subcommittee discussed the following:
 - Summer work on Science of Reading to pick and choose the best components from the ELA core curriculum. (Into Reading/Into Literature)
 - Upper grades take the program baseline 3 times a year.
 - Kim Gritman wrote a literacy grant for professional development and resources and the grant has been accepted. Forming a Literacy Leadership Team. Writing will be a strong focus – teachers have asked for writing professional development “Looking at the Book - The Writing Revolution”.
 - Staff are excited about the new ideas.
5. State Assessment Update: The subcommittee discussed cohort trends in SBAC. There are concerns about the decrease in Level 4 over time and grades 5/6 Math. Talked about calibrating grading procedures.
6. Other:
 - Student Led Conferences: This year the school will be piloting student led conferences. Megin gave the subcommittee a handout regarding student led conferences. Megin is looking to have the 6th grade team speak at the October Curriculum Subcommittee meeting and possibly the full BOE in November to discuss.
 - LEARN: Partnering with LEARN to help with Unified Arts professional development and curriculum, Salem is starting with Music. May ask Natalie Andrews to attend a future subcommittee meeting to speak about this.
 - Parent Guides: Hoping to have parent friendly documents for standards ready for publishing this summer. This will be a collaborative effort from teachers.
 - Grading Procedures: Discussed the need for consistency. Looking to move toward creating rubrics for report cards, but that is down the road.
7. Next Meeting: October 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm.
8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. (KF/DM)