



**New Hope-Solebury School District**  
**Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 4, 2017—6PM**  
**UES LGI**

**Attendance**

- **School Board** – Tracy Keyes (Chair)
- **Administration** – Charles Malone, Dr. Steven Gianni
- **Committee Members** – Amy Hoffman, Patti Lund, Wenmei Ge, Christine Quinby
- **Presenters** – Ms. Benolken, Mr. Radaszkiewicz, Mr. Malone
- **Public** – none

**The meeting was called to order by Tracy Keyes at 6:00PM.**

**Approved minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting.**

**Old Business**

- Move August CAC meeting to September – approved.

**New Business**

- Minutes approved from 3/2/17
- Mr. Malone gave a review of the 2016-17 school year in terms of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development. Highlighted were the various professional development days during the year.
  - Aug - K-12 Articulation and Differentiated Professional Development
  - Oct - Child Study and Student Services
  - Feb - Joe Ginotti - Focus on k-12 Literacy and Child Study
  - 1st Best Practices Showcase
  - Snow Make Up sessions
    - PLN, Daily 5, Canvas, SWPBS, Independent Projects - Unit Assessment Development/Alignment, collaboration for Maker Spaces, etc.
  - Day 192 - Independent projects aligned to district initiatives
- Further Curriculum and Assessment work:
  - Curriculum Review sessions with SS and Tech Ed teams
  - K-5 Scope and Sequence aligned to LBD and Social Studies skills
  - Focus on local, state, national, international
  - 6-12 alignment - eliminate gaps and overlaps captured via mapping activities and writing via Curriculum Connector

- BCIU sessions and other individualized and ongoing PD partnerships
- K-12 Assessment Protocol
- Performance Tracker analysis
- Expectations for 2017-18
  - Continue Curriculum Review Cycle – focus on Science and the Arts
  - PLN-Ginotti and PAWLP (PA Writing and Literature Project) partnerships to further k-12 Literacy focus
  - Differentiated Professional Development – two prongs: Global Best Practices and targeted individualized
  - Technology continuation – 1-1 upgrades at MS and HS as well as new Learning Management System (Canvas) at the HS.
    - At this time, Dr. Benolken and Mr. Radaszkiewicz gave an overview of the new 1-1 devices chosen for the MS and HS. A HP Chromebook for the MS and a Dell Windows based computer for the HS. These devices were explored among three others by both teachers and students. All had pros and cons but most chose the two devices brought forward for the CAC. The CAC affirmed the process and the chosen devices for adoption for 2017-18 SY. The leasing and financial package will be presented and reviewed at Finance Committee on May 18.
    - Discussion around fit, insurance for damage and the continued effort to move NHSSD forward with technology ensued.
  - Mr. Malone presented the new text book series for the new AP Environmental course for 2017-18. There were just a couple of texts to review as they need to align to the AP scope and sequence outlined by College Board. The choice will be *Living In The Environment* (AP Edition, 18th) plus MindTap Exam Prep and eBook (Miller/Spoolman). The cost of a class set of 30 will be approximately \$5,200 which includes 30 subscriptions to MindTap and eBook. The text aligns with the AP exam and will be a much used resource in our new AP Environmental course!

**Public comment:**

- Open dialog during presentations.
- Comments about Gifted Education were raised and the committee decided to bring that topic forward for our September 2017 meeting.

Mrs. Keyes adjourned the meeting at 7:00. Next meeting will be in September, 2017 @ 6:00 pm in the UES LGI. Date to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Malone  
Director of Elementary and Secondary Education