

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 5:02 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Michael Young.

PRESENT Michael Young, Chair, Liz Nord, Miriam Underwood, Gary Blanchette

ABSENT Marcia Kupferschmid, Angie Moser

ALSO PRESENT Mr. Oliver Barton, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. John Guidry, Principal, Ellington High School
Ms. Emily Wry, Literacy Specialist, Crystal Lake School

AGENDA ITEMS

SBAC Data – 2022 Results

Mr. Barton presented the most recent [SBAC](#) results for the district. Mr. Barton reported positive general increases in the SBAC (grades 3 to 8) for Spring 2022, suggesting Ellington's recovery from any learning loss due to the emergency switch to remote learning as a result of the pandemic. Ellington's Reading specialists are working to identify themes in any remaining learning gaps that might be addressed systematically in this year's instruction. Mr. Barton noted that Crystal Lake's 5th and 6th Math and Science classes were on a different schedule from the other elementary schools, a difference that may have influenced the Math SBAC student performance for that school.

The literacy data previously tracked on spreadsheets data will now feed into [Infinite Campus™](#), so that [Tableau™](#) visualization software (a companion to the district's adoption of [Infinite Campus™](#)) to make Ellington's SBAC and other data more readily available to support classroom teachers' instructional decisions.

P/SAT Data – 2021-22 Results

Ms. Wry was introduced to present the most recent [PSAT and SAT](#) results. The Ellington Junior's Math SAT scores (average score 531) were very positive for the district with that cohort trending upward in the performance from the PSAT to the SAT. Similarly with our Evidence-based Reading and Writing (ERW) scores, the district continued a steady increase (average score 535). With this success, our focus will be on maintaining continuity of the strategies that have proven effective.

High School Course – American Sign Language Instruction

Mr. Young asked Mr. Barton to update the committee on the process for identifying an ASL instructor for the highly sought after courses for which up to 120 students have enrolled for Fall 2022. Mr. Guidry distributed a copy of a memo sent to high school parents announcing Ms. Posner as the ASL teacher. It was assured that Ms. Posner is a certified teacher of ASL and would complete this work as an independent contractor with a fixed fee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION First: G. Blanchette
Second: L. Nord
To adjourn the meeting of the Curriculum Committee (6:10 PM)
Motion carried unanimously.

