



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Curriculum & Instruction Meeting Agenda

May 2, 2016

9 AM Central Office

Attending: Dorothy Logan, Melinda McKenna, Wesley O'Brien (recording)

Guests: Sue Bass, Dana Corriveau, Patti White,

- Lion's Club Vision Program- Dana Corriveau will join us for this discussion

Dana Corriveau joined us to provide an update for the extended school year. Time allotted for eligible students is being abbreviated to correspond more appropriately with students' IEPs.

Dana also discussed a new initiative—the Lion's Club Vision Program—which makes use of a simple-to-operate, non-invasive screening device that goes beyond a simple vision test and generates data on conditions such as lazy eye, misalignment, and anomalies, which are subsequently reported to the student's physician.

- Proposed name change for current grade 9 science course- Patti White (K-12 Science Coordinator) will join us for this discussion

Patti White (K-12 Science Coordinator) attended to propose a name change for the Grade 9 course "Principles of Science." The proposal is to change the name to "Introduction to Physical Science." The change is to discourage parents—who interpret the current name as designating a course that is too elementary—from asking that their students skip the course. Students who not skip the course tend to fare better in subsequent courses than those who do.

C & I approved the name change unanimously.

- Textbook Adoption- **Advanced Language and Literature: for Honors and Pre-AP English Courses**- Sue Bass (6-12 English Language Arts Coordinator) will join us for this discussion

Sue Bass (6-12 English Language Arts Coordinator) joined us to propose a textbook adoption: *Advanced Language and Literature: for Honors and Pre-AP English Courses*. This is a multi-level and multi-approach book. The committee was impressed with the text and voted to adopt it for our honors and pre-AP classes. We discussed the possibility of extending the adoption to include regular English classes in the future.

- New Club Proposal- Humans of North Haven High

New club proposal: "Humans of North Haven." This is a club that recognizes in positive ways exceptional members of the community. The proposal was approved unanimously.

- Nature's Classroom/ Grade 5 Field Trip Survey discussion

This just in: The surveys administered regarding parental and faculty preferences for participation in Natures Classroom are complete. The data is still being analyzed and the findings will be reported during the BOE June meeting, at which time the committee will bring an action item based upon the data.

Meeting adjourned at (about) 11:00 am.