

# North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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## Curriculum & Instruction Meeting Minutes October 17, 2016 9:00am Central Office

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

Guests: Phil Piazza, Russ Dallai, Sandra Preneta, Tracey Romberg, Carol Ardito

Phil Piazza discussed the benefits of rounding rather than "truncating" grades for middle school students. Rounding would align grading practices in the district, would provide a more accurate measure of student achievement, and would do away with parental confusion regarding grade ambiguities. The group approved this change.

The Teaching Assistant proposal for the high school was discussed. Sandra Preneta answered questions. This proposal was approved.

Sandra Preneta spoke to the committee about a credit recovery program using Edgenuity, a software product that would replace the current Odysseyware. Edgenuity is preferred for a number of reasons including a wider range of online courses aligned with the Common Core, direct instruction videos, text translation support for ELL students and supplemental resources to our SRBI interventionists. The efficacy of Edgenuity can be assessed after one year.

Mathematics Coordinator Tracy Romberg spoke to the committee regarding MobyMax.com, an online instructional program for mathematics. A salient feature of this program, which fills an ongoing need, is its diagnostic component. Beyond its diagnostic function, the program provides skill practice, can be adapted to individual student progress, is user friendly and is available at one quarter the price of the currently used program IXL. The committee approves of this purchase.

Carol Ardito joined the group to discuss EduType Jr.—web based keyboarding software for grades 4-6. Elementary technology teachers evaluated EduType Jr. during a 90-day free trial period and recommend its purchase, primarily for its updated, relevant content. The committee approves of this purchase.

Russ Dallai joined us briefly, as a follow up to the Teaching Assistant proposal at the high school.

### Club Proposals:

North Haven Resilience Project	Approved
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### Field Trip Proposals:

Student Leadership Conference, Southbury. December 2-3,	Approved
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North Haven Transitional Partnership field trip to NYC	
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Approved pending submission of specific itinerary

International Future Problem Solving Conference at the University of Wisconsin, Lacrosse. 6/7/2017 to 6/11/2017	Approved
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Meeting adjourned at 10:37