

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee -
Teaching and Learning Subcommittee
Tuesday, September 27th, 2022 at 1:00 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM

II. Election of Subcommittee chair

There was a motion by J. Terry, second by C. Carmignani to nominate Kelly Szela as the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee Chair.

K. Szela accepts the nomination

The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes -

A. June 23rd, 2022

A motion by J. Terry, second by C. Carmignani to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2022, meeting was approved unanimously.

C. Carmignani - Yes

K. Szela – Yes

J. Terry – Yes

IV. New Business

A. High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) K-8 Science

There are currently 9 teachers that have expressed interest in being on the team – 5 from Charlton and 4 from Dudley. There is a preliminary meeting to try and obtain new individuals as well.

Questions around timing arose. Currently, there's little time in the K-3 schedule to include science, and the subcommittee wants to ensure that the ability to actually move forward is there before implementing anything. Is it more appropriate to focus on grades 4-8 instead?

B. Early Grades Literacy Grant- Year #3 Continuation

The District has been awarded a third-year continuation grant of just over \$50,000 to help continue the work of years one and two. Years one and two focused on large numbers of the teaching staff and all schools, but because onboarding has been so successful, year three is going to be more targeted.

C. Middle School Math 6-8 Update

Principal Dean Packard and Principal Christopher Starczewski join the subcommittee to discuss the status of 6-8 Middle School Math. They note that teachers are up and running and have started their first round of testing. The testing is a lengthy process, and takes some time away from actual learning, but will provide the benchmarks needed to be able to move forward in the right direction.

The District children have already started using the applications and parents will be notified by the end of October.

V. Old Business

A. CKLA Updates- (Monthly Agenda Item)

Questions about the Middle School schedules were brought up, so the topic was added as an “Old Business” discussion.

Principal Packard feels comfortable that students are familiar with what is needed of them and says schedules are 99.9% complete. There are still a couple of tweaks that need to be made to ensure that students are in the best learning positions possible.

Student support teams go through all the individual students so that, when scheduling starts in March, the correct matches are made for when students transition into the Middle Schools.

VI. Next Meeting Date – TBD

October 17, 2022 at 1pm

VII. Future Agenda Items: CKLA Updates (on-going), K-4 Principals (Windblock/Scheduling, Intervention Strategies for Students, Science Curriculum), Middle School Math Update

VIII. Adjourn

A motion by J. Terry, second by K. Szela to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 PM was passed unanimously.

J. Terry – Yes

K. Szela – Yes

C. Carmignani – had to exit the meeting at 2pm