

To: Pat O'Sullivan - Town Clerk

Date: October 29, 2019

From: Mary Shaw - OBOE

**Curriculum/Instruction/Technology Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2019**

Present: Vince Scarpetti, Eleanor Russo, Ken Ziman, Kim Browe, Betty Hadlock, Christian Young, Charles Flynn, and Bill Kraut.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm

2. Public Participation

There was no public participation

3. NGSS

Dr. Russo reported that 164 Orange 5th grade students took the test and 65% scored level 3 or above. She emphasized the challenging nature of the test and believes that the work that the district is doing with the Smithsonian science curriculum will support students in knowing and doing what is expected of them and transferring that to the assessment. Dr. Russo expects that we will see the most noticeable gains in spring 2021.

4. "Operational Data" Regarding 10/23 ELA Session

Dr. Russo shared details about the recent ELA professional development session for teachers. She explained that the focus of the session was on developing 4.0 (above standard) items for ELA which involves students being able to increase the verb in rigor, combine standards, align to context and transfer, or to co-create relevant and authentic tasks. Teachers also worked on aligning instruction to assessment for these items, creating opportunities for all students to engage.

5. Curriculum Update

Dr. Russo reviewed a recent ELA unit plan that includes three stages: Curriculum, Assessment Evidence, and Instructional Choices. She explained that Curriculum includes the relevant bundled standards, the big ideas, and the essential questions. Teachers have the flexibility to make instructional choices about materials based on the students in front of them, and teachers have district resources to support them in implementing these instructional choices. Dr. Russo reinforce that the district aims to create, build, and design a curriculum that has identity while meeting standards and remaining timely and responsive.

6. LEAP Criteria

Dr. Russo reported that LEAP criteria are being expanded to art and music, identifying students who have aptitude in these areas.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.