

**New Milford Board of Education
Committee on Learning Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2022
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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Present:	Mrs. Tammy McInerney, Chairperson Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Keith A. Swanhall Jr. Mrs. Leslie Sarich
Also Present:	Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent

1.	Call to Order The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Committee on Learning was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. McInerney.	Call to Order
2.	Public Comment • There was none.	Public Comment
3.	Discussion and Possible Action A. Review and Approval of Curricula - As someone new to the district, Ms. Hollander said she was very impressed with the clear and consistent process of curriculum approval, from the training, to writing in conjunction with a template, through vetting and approval. The curricula presented tonight show it is a “living” process in the revisions presented, and an innovative process in the new curriculum presented. - Mrs. McInerney said the curriculum will be considered one at a time for questions and comments and then proposed for a motion as a unit. - Mr. McCauley said he thought Modern World History and World History were approved previously. - Mrs. McInerney said the courses had been previously approved, but not the curriculum.	Discussion and Possible Action A. Review and Approval of Curricula - Advanced Video Production - French IV CP - French IV Honors - Graphic Novel Studies - Math 7 - Modern World History - Pre-AP World History - World History - Physical Education - 3rd Grade - Physical Education - 4th Grade - Physical Education - 5th Grade - Physical Education 09 - Physical Education 10 - Physical Education 11 - Physical Education 12 - Practical Math - Applications of Probability

	1. Advanced Video Production • Mrs. McNerney said this is an English course that aligns with Greenwave TV. • Ms. Hollander said this is a revision to this full year course for grades 11 and 12. It builds on the Introductory course. Students analyze, write and produce in different media types. • Mrs. Sarich said she loves this course. She asked how many students take the prerequisite course. Ms. Hollander said she would check. • Ms. DiCorpo said she would report on that in the Friday notes to the Board. • Mrs. McNerney said current enrollments used to be included as part of the presentations and she suggested that they be included in the future. 2. French IV CP • Ms. Hollander said this curriculum is a revision. It is a full year course available for grades 10-12 and connects with AP themes for the target language and builds proficiency. • Mrs. Sarich asked if Spanish was offered as well. Ms. Hollander said it is; revisions are done in a cycle. • Ms. DiCorpo noted that the committee has two new members and suggested that an “intro to curriculum” workshop be set up to review the Five Year Curriculum Plan and how to read the documents. She said this is the backbone of the school district. 3. French IV Honors • Ms. Hollander said this is very similar to the CP level but is more demanding in pace and rigor. It is specifically tied to students considering the AP level. • Mrs. McNerney clarified that AP is not required of students following this class. Ms. Hollander agreed it is not, it’s an option.	17. Practical Math - Applications of Statistics
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	4. Graphic Novel Studies - Ms. Hollander said this curriculum is for a new half-year course elective for grades 11 and 12. Students are introduced to the graphic novel and practice visual literacy and storytelling techniques. The graphic novel is taught as a unit at the middle school; this is the next step up. 5. Math 7 - Ms. Hollander said this is a revision to the Grade 7 Math curriculum. 6. Modern World History - Ms. Hollander said this new full year course for grade 10 replaces Global Studies and provides a comprehensive view of world events. 7. Pre-AP World History - Ms. Hollander said this course is a revision and available for grade 9. It covers pre-history to 1450. It is a lead in to the AP course if students wish. - Mrs. McInerney asked if this is the honors level course. Ms. Hollander said yes; it has been renamed to stress the pathway to the AP course. 8. World History - Ms. Hollander said this is a new full year course for grade 9, similar to Modern World History for grade 10. 9. Physical Education - 3rd Grade 10. Physical Education - 4th Grade 11. Physical Education - 5th Grade - Ms. Hollander said these revised curricula focus on helping students develop a healthy,	
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	balanced lifestyle. Skills taught are similar but build in complexity from year to year. • Ms. DiCorpo said they start to build the skills students will be assessed on in grade 5. • Mrs. McInerney said they also provide an introduction to sports they may see at the middle school. 12. Physical Education 09 13. Physical Education 10 14. Physical Education 11 15. Physical Education 12 • Ms. Hollander said these curricula have updated pacing guides and expected skills at each level. 16. Practical Math - Applications of Probability 17. Practical Math - Applications of Statistics • Ms. Hollander said these are revisions to half-year electives for grades 11 and 12. They stress appropriate vocabulary and application of use of probability and statistics in real life situations. • Mrs. McInerney asked if they are both CP level and Ms. DiCorpo said yes. • Mrs. McInerney asked if statistics is only offered at the CP and AP levels. Ms. Hollander said she will double check. • Mrs. McInerney said these curricula represent a tremendous amount of work and she thanked all involved. Mr. McCauley moved to bring the following curricula to the full Board for approval: 1. Advanced Video Production 2. French IV CP 3. French IV Honors 4. Graphic Novel Studies 5. Math 7 6. Modern World History 7. Pre-AP World History	Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the following curricula to the full Board for approval: 1. Advanced Video Production 2. French IV CP 3. French IV Honors 4. Graphic Novel Studies 5. Math 7
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	8. World History 9. Physical Education - 3rd Grade 10. Physical Education - 4th Grade 11. Physical Education - 5th Grade 12. Physical Education 09 13. Physical Education 10 14. Physical Education 11 15. Physical Education 12 16. Practical Math - Applications of Probability 17. Practical Math - Applications of Statistics Motion seconded by Mr. Swanhall. Motion passed unanimously.	6. Modern World History 7. Pre-AP World History 8. World History 9. Physical Education - 3rd Grade 10. Physical Education - 4th Grade 11. Physical Education - 5th Grade 12. Physical Education 09 13. Physical Education 10 14. Physical Education 11 15. Physical Education 12 16. Practical Math - Applications of Probability 17. Practical Math - Applications of Statistics
4.	Public Comment • There was none.	Public Comment
5.	Adjourn Mr. McCauley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sarich, and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tammy McInerney, Chairperson
 Committee on Learning