



## **Minutes**

### **Curriculum & Professional Practices Avon Board of Education 34 Simsbury, Avon, Connecticut 06001 Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Attendance**

**Members Present:** Jackie Blea, Committee Chair; Lynn Katz, Thej Singh

**Member(s) Absent:** None

**Administration Present:** Dr. Bridget H. Carnemolla, Superintendent; Jess Giannini, Assistant Superintendent

**Others Present:** Deb Chute, Board Chair; (teachers)

- I. Call to order  
*The meeting was called to order by Ms. Jackie Blea, at 6:00 pm.*
- II. Approval of May 30, 2023 minutes-  
*Ms. Lynn Katz moved to approve the minutes of May 30, 2023, Ms. Thej Singh seconded  
Motion passed 3-0-0*
- III. Comments from the Public No comments from the Public
- IV. Old Business- N/A
- IV. New Business-
  - A. Primary Instructional Material Recommendations  
Mr. Giannini began by reviewing the way the curriculum is designed and the 3 stages of curriculum development. Mr. Giannini continued to speak of the focus of the CPDC committee is to continue to revise older curriculum and use the newly created CLT (Collaborative Learning Time) to work together as a team.  
  
Ms. Katz made a comment that it was refreshing to see the curriculum committee digging deeper into what we had and revising instead of piling on new items.  
  
A short conversation about CLT's ensued, and then Mr. Giannini presented the Primary Instructional Material that was being introduced to the Board.  
  
The Patron Saint of Nothing, by Randy Ribay is the book the CPDC is asking to put forward to the full board for approval. It is an 8th grade novel for the ELA classes. Mr. Giannini gave a brief synopsis of the book, and noted that it was unanimously voted in by the CPDC. Tonight would begin the 30 day review of the new book, although 30 days will not be up by the November monthly board meeting, the hope is that it would pass the Curriculum committee tonight and go to the full board as an FYI, to be approved at the December monthly meeting.  
*Ms. Thej Singh motioned to have the new material/book The Patron Saint of Nothing, moved to the full board for approval, Ms. Lynn Katz seconded.  
Motion passed 3-0-0*

Ms. Katz questions Mr. Giannini about the Science of Reading waiver, and Mr. Giannini answered that there is a one to one meeting with the state and a consulting firm the state has hired to go over the waivers and that is next week.

Before the meeting adjourned, Ms. Blea mentioned that it was a pleasure to be the Chair of the Curriculum Committee (as this is her last meeting before she retires from the Avon Board of Education in December) and that she had learned so much being on the committee. It has been amazing and she is so grateful for the generosity that has been shown to her.

VI. Adjournment

***Ms. Thej Singh motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:17 p.m., Ms. Lynn Katz seconded motion passed 3-0-0***

Minutes prepared by Christine Sardinkas, Recording Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jackie Blea, C&PP Committee Chair

Minutes respectfully received by Jeffrey S. Fleischman, Board Secretary

*Minutes are approved at the next Curriculum and Professional Practices Committee meeting, and any corrections to the minutes, if needed, will be made at that time.*