

Connecticut State Board of Education

Hartford

Minutes of the Academic Standards and Assessment Committee
Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Minutes approved on Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on the agency's website, the Academic Standards and Assessment Committee (hereinafter "Committee") met in-person on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in 5th Floor North Plaza, Room A, of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

Committee Chair Erik Clemons called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Present: Erik M. Clemons, Chair
Allan B. Taylor

Absent: Awilda Reasco
Martha Paluch Prou
Erin D. Benham
Kelli-Marie Villieres

Staff Present: Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer
Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer

Guest Staff: Ronald Michaels, Education Consultant
Dr. Joanne White, Education Consultant
Paul Castiglione, Durational Project Manager

1. **Introductions**

Members and guests introduced themselves at the start of the meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2022, Meeting**

The meeting minutes from the March 8, 2022, Academic Standards and Assessment Committee meeting was tabled as there wasn't quorum.

3. **Update of the 6-8 Model Science Curriculum**

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, provided an overview of the work to date of the 6-8 model science curriculum. Ms. Parisi introduced Ronald Michaels, Education Consultant, CSDE, to provide the timeline and development process of the 6-8 model science curriculum and its progress. In his overview, he noted that before building the curriculum, a statewide need assessment survey was completed under the advisement of a committee with diverse stakeholders, including but not limited to science teachers and administrators, the RESC Alliance, and higher education institutions.

Ms. Parisi and Mr. Michaels went on to provide the Committee with an overview of the 6-8 model science curriculum on GoOpenCT, Connecticut's digital library of model curricula. Additionally, Mr. Michaels mentioned that the state adopted OpenSciEd, a national model, is intertwined with the 6-8 model science curriculum on GoOpenCT, making the science curriculum consistent, accessible, and equitable. The 6-8 model science curriculum on GoOpenCT is also closely aligned to the state summative assessments and three tier assessments. The tentative launch date for the 6-8 model science curriculum on GoOpenCT to go live is June.

Chair Erik Clemons opened the floor for discussion. A discussion regarding 6-8 model science curriculum occurred.

4. Review of Proposed Menu of Research-based Grade K-3 Universal Screening Reading Assessment

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE, provided an overview of the Proposed *Menu of Research-based Grades K-3 Universal Screening Reading Assessment* (Document). Ms. Parisi introduced Dr. Joanne White, Education Consultant, CSDE, to provide the timeline and development process of Proposed *Menu of Research-based Grades K-3 Universal Screening Reading Assessment* for school year 2023-22. She highlighted how the amendments done to the Document aligned with the Dyslexia Taskforce's recommendations and legislation. Dr. White outlined the amendments done to the Document:

Additions:

- Acadience RAN;
- aimswebPlus RAN;
- Amira Learning;
- mCLASS RAN;
- mCLASS Vocabulary;

Deletions:

- DIBELS 6th Edition;
- mCLASS DIBELS Next;
- NWEA MAP Growth;
- STAR; and
- i-Ready

Chair Erik Clemons opened the floor for discussion. A discussion regarding 6-8 Model Math Curricula occurred. The Committee had consensus to submit Proposed *Menu of Research-based Grades K-3 Universal Screening Reading Assessment* to the State Board of Education on June 1, 2022.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Erik M. Clemons, seconded by Allan B. Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.