

West Islip School District
Education Committee
2017-2018

Minutes

April 12, 2018
7:15 p.m.

District Office ~ Board Conference Room

Meeting began 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Steve Gellar, Annmarie LaRosa, Kevin O'Connor, Bernadette Burns, Anne Rullan

Others present: Scott Brady, Ronald Maginniss, Paul Michaluk

Math Program Review

The Education Committee reviewed a proposal for an adoption of Dimensions Learning as a math resource based upon the methods of Singapore Math. The current math program used had some curriculum gaps that teachers have addressed through curriculum writing. Dimensions Learning was reviewed by classroom teachers in Kindergarten through second grade and after a review and comparison of materials and resources, they have recommended moving to start with the 2018-2019 school year.

Computer-based Testing

This school year, our sixth through eighth graders completed the NYS English Language Arts test on their Chromebooks. As we anticipated refusals and there is a moratorium on the use of the 3-8 testing as part of a teacher's APPR score, we felt this was a good time introduce computer-based testing into the schools. The testing was conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday in the middle schools. We had a smooth first day and did run into a few glitches the second day that were resolved. The elementary buildings administered paper-based English Language Arts assessment to students in grades 3 through 5. The building principals reported all went very smoothly. Overall, the percentage of students refusing the assessment were 64% at the elementary schools and 76% at the middle schools.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.