

MINUTES

Wallingford 350th Jubilee Moments Committee

June 15, 2018 – 10:00 AM

BOE Headquarters, 100 South Turnpike Road, Wallingford, CT 06492

Attendees: Tarn Granucci, Carrie LaTorre, Bob Beaumont, Jim Franchese, Jerry Farrell Jr., Bob Devaney Jr., MaryBeth Applegate, Jim Franchese, Christine Mansfield

Group reviewed the goal of the *Moments Google Spreadsheet* created from Wallingford Historical Society, Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust, WPAA TV and other stakeholders. The detail includes category and decade, including 434 total records with Event name, Event description and Picture availability, submitter name, organization and date (350 records when school and church records are removed).

Committee goals for Moments Historic list included the opportunity to brainstorm curriculum to include Wallingford history, speaker resource options and, special events for 2020 celebratio.

The Board of Education team summarized the State of Connecticut Education curriculum requirements, including:

- State Mandate targets local history at the third grade curriculum level. As curriculum has not been revised in last 15 years, the BOE curriculum revisions is in progress with, elementary team teachers and Jim Franchese.
- State curriculum targets US history to the 5th, 8, 11th grades.
- State curriculum targets other foci in other grades, e.g. 6th grade - eastern hemisphere, 7th - western hemisphere - broader topics and not a lot of room to accommodate.
- While not impossible to bring extra curriculum topics into the school year, planning and integration successes increase when aligned to curriculum guidelines creates more valuable learning for students.

Timeline: Review proposed timeline:

2018 - Mid Q2 - review list with Board of Education and assess curriculum

- Q3 - BOE determine and create curriculum, set timelines over Summer, 2018

2019 - Q1 - Moments Committee create marketing and promotion initiatives.

- Q2 - June - Launch “Moment a day” launch begins in Record Journal (one year from Jubilee launch).

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- Q2 - Board of Education curriculum submission and approval
- Q3 - Curriculum launches with start of 2019- 2020 school year in late August.

Brainstorming:

- Consider Senior Project capstone projects, as an example:
 - Create *Wallingford 350 Grid* with history pins, e.g. the Trust, Historical Society, which showcase past and present locations. Use STEM project to integrate public stories.
 - Create digital museum for Wallingford, and expand Capstone to incorporate other academic areas, computer science, technology, art, etc. Visual representations can be incorporated into a classroom curriculum is more impactful, and integrated more powerfully and enhance the learning.
- Use Moments list as source for event contacts, resources for field trips, ideation.
- Create campaign for each student and teacher to create their own MyMoments 350 ? What can students to celebrate? Commemorate? Each student and teacher produce a moment, and create a Wallingford Movie at elementary, Middle, High Schools; have Media clubs coordinate a movie production. Connect the learning not at adhoc times, but a resource to use to support the Social Studies' 5 strands, e.g. economic, civics etc. Use TV, Cinema, WPAA-TV, etc.
- Explore funding from CT Humanities Council for grant to fulfill the standards. Conduct summer institutes for teachers. Contact Walter Woodward, State Historian, for possibilities.
- Consider develop some curriculum integrating the Moments. Jim and Carrie will review with the teams and bring back recommendations in October.

Next steps:

- 1) Moments List shared, and permission granted for any teacher and administrator. Curriculum team to brainstorm, review list, and discuss with Social Studies leadership team.
- 2) Team to meet again in **October 25th, 8:30 a.m. Half Moon**, to review curriculum recommendations.
- 3) MaryBeth Applegate offered to add another column "Strands" in the Moments list.
 - a) Academic of disciplinary skills and concepts (think rigorously).
 - b) History
 - c) Civics
 - d) Economics
 - e) Geography