

Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee

**Monday, February 10, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Humiston Building - Board Room, 2nd Floor**

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Faith Ham (Chair), Anne Harrigan, Tony Perugini
Other BOE Members Present: _____ Timothy White (from 7:37 - 8: 07 PM)
Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present: Marlene Silano, Kevin Hanlon, Maureen Reed, Artur Branco, Carolina Borchert
Community Members Present: None

Faith Ham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. [Review Minutes of January 13, 2020 Meeting](#)
Ms. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Cheshire Public Schools Elementary World Language Update
Artur Branco, World Language Department Chair, and Carolina Borchert, Elementary World Language Teacher, gave an update regarding the World Language program in Cheshire Public Schools. The presentation included a review of the World Language Task Force from the 2014-15 and 2016-17 school years. Additionally, the update included information regarding research related to second language acquisition, the scope of current practices in Cheshire Public Schools, curriculum comparison across the grades, samples of student work, and feedback from students.
4. **Informational Items**
 - a. Next Generation Accountability Report 2019-2020
Marlene Silano, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the Next Generation Accountability Report for the 2018-19 school year. The state generated report provides performance indicators in 12 broad areas. Cheshire Public Schools overall index on the report has improved each of the last two years. Areas of strength from the report include achievement and growth in Math and ELA performance. Areas for continued growth and effort include reducing Chronic Absenteeism, and improving performance on the Physical Fitness state assessment.

- b. Parent letter - NGSS/SBA Schedule
Marlene Silano shared drafts of the letters informing parents of the schedule and scope of state testing for the spring of 2020. These include the Smarter Balanced Assessment in grades three through eight in English/Language Arts and Mathematics as well as the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment in grades five, eight, and eleven.
- c. Coronavirus Outbreak - Travel Advisory - School Groups Traveling Abroad
Marlene Silano reviewed information regarding the current travel advisory related to the Coronavirus. Cheshire Public Schools is monitoring the advisory where it relates to upcoming out of country trips.
- d. Out-of-State Overnight Field Trips
Marlene Silano and Maureen Reed, Assistant Principal for Curriculum, shared details of three upcoming out of state field trips.
 - Nature's Classroom, Charlton, MA - Norton Grade 6 - May 26-29, 2020
 - NEMFA Concert Festival, Hanover, NH - CHS - March 19-21, 2020
 - NFCA High School Kickoff Classic Tournament, Newark, NJ - CHS - Apr 3-5, 2020

5. Adjourn

Ms. Harrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini). The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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