

Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee (Virtual)

Monday, May 11, 2020 – 7:15 p.m.

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Faith Ham (Chair), Tony Perugini, Anne Harrigan

Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present:

Dr. Jeffrey Solan, Superintendent; Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator; Dr. Mary Gadd, Principal-Cheshire High School; Dr. Maureen Reed, Assistant Principal-Cheshire High School; Timothy Galvin, Social Studies Department Chair; John Kuhner, Music Department Chair

Community Members Present:

None (no messages received from public via CPSCovid19 email address)

Faith Ham, Curriculum Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None (no messages received from public via CPSCovid19 email address)

2. [Review Minutes of April 22, 2020 Meeting](#)

Mr. Perugini made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 22, 2020 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Ms. Ham seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting. Ms. Harrigan abstained from voting. The motion passed.

3. New Business

a. New Textbook Recommendation

Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the textbook recommendation process. Faith Ham asked questions related to the scope of the Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government course, student use of additional primary source documents, and any learning students would have prior to this course (prerequisite classes). Timothy Galvin, Social Studies Department Chair, provided the answers to Ms. Ham's questions.

Ms. Harrigan made a motion to move the [Essentials of Comparative Politics with Cases, 6th AP® Edition](#), by Patrick H. O’Neil textbook to the full Board of Education for approval. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to move the textbook forward to the full Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Informational Items**

a. Grade 3 OLSAT Results

Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator, reviewed the results of the Grade 3 Otis Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT). Data from this test are used to support decisions regarding individual student’s need for additional learning support or increased rigor.

b. LAS Links Results

Kevin Hanlon reviewed information regarding the annual administration of the LAS Links Assessment. The LAS Links is administered to all English Learners in grades K-12. The report reviewed the total number of students who took part in the assessment, the number of students who will exit from EL services based on the results of this year’s assessment, the matched cohort growth from last year to this year, and information regarding parent communication.

c. Remote Learning Feedback - Students in Grades 4-12

Marlene Silano shared summary data from the Remote Learning student survey given to all students in grades 4-12. 763 students responded to the survey, which was approximately 8-12% of the student population in each grade level. The survey sought feedback on the transition to remote learning, the clarity of expectations, correspondence with teachers, and connectedness to teachers. At least one additional survey is planned prior to the end of this school year.

d. Memorial Day Music Events

John Kuhner, Music Department Chair, shared a plan to conduct a Memorial Day performance in lieu of the traditional Memorial Day Parade. The performance is scheduled Sunday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m. Students will perform in front of their homes. Music and accompaniment will be provided for students ahead of time to allow them to practice. Parents are encouraged to take pictures and videos. The pictures and videos will be compiled and shared with the community. In coordination with the Veterans Council, some of the student recordings will be incorporated with the Veterans Council Memorial Day program on Monday, May 25th at 2:00 p.m.

e. Behind the scenes of Cheshire Public Schools during campus closure

Marlene Silano shared information on a video series that has and will continue to be shared on Cheshire Public Schools social media. The clips, approximately thirty seconds in length, are of CPS faculty and staff giving the public some insight to “the behind the scenes” efforts, successes, struggles, and realities of Remote Learning during the Covid-19 campus closure.

5. Closing Public Comment

None (no messages received from public via CPSCovid19 email address)

6. 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 8:06 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Hanlon

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