

Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee (Virtual)

Monday, October 19, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Faith Ham (Chair), Tony Perugini,
Anne Harrigan (joined at 7:06 PM)

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, Leslie Paier, Business Department Chair, Sean McKeown, Cheshire High School - Career and Technical Education Department Chair; Tom Lewoc, Technology Integration Specialist; and Scott Conway, Technology Integration Specialist

Guest Presenters from SERC:

Michelle Lebrun-Griffin and Michelle Weaver

Community Members Present:

None

1. Public Comment

No messages received from the public via the CPSCovid19 email address prior to the public comment portion of the meeting.

2. [Review Minutes of September 14, 2020 Meeting](#)

Mr. Perugini made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 8, 2020 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Mrs. Ham seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting. The motion passed.

3. Informational Items

a. Equity Presentation by State Education Resource Center

Michelle Lebrun-Griffin and Michelle Weaver from SERC presented an overview of the district plans to engage in equity work over the course of this school year as part of the Cheshire Strategic Planning Initiative. In this first phase of work, SERC will work with the Strategic Planning Initiative Committee, Administrative Council, and begin Student Focus Groups. Embedded in the work in this phase will also be equity policy and plan development.

b. Broadcast Classroom Demonstration

Marlene Silano (Assistant Superintendent), Kevin Hanlon (K-8 Curriculum Coordinator), Tom Lewoc (Tech Integration Specialist), and Scott Conway (Tech Integration Specialist) described and demonstrated the set-up for the broadcasting classrooms. Some of the equipment noted included the wearable microphone by the teacher, the ceiling-mounted microphone, the ceiling speaker system, and the webcam.

c. Fall Data Review

Kevin Hanlon shared the results of this year's fall Reading Inventory. The report shared a side-by-side comparison of the 2019 fall results as compared to the 2020 fall results. Additionally, the report indicated the growth of students from the 2019 fall administration of the Reading Inventory to the fall 2020 administration of the reading inventory.

d. Status Update - Cheshire High School Collegiate Model

Dr. Mary Gadd (Principal, Cheshire High School) provided details of the design and approach for the High School Collegiate Model currently being utilized at Cheshire High School. Some details included information regarding asynchronous/synchronous activities, regular/hybrid schedule, class period length and details, teacher/student surveys to take stock of and improve practice, and upcoming parent forums. Two CPSCOV19 emails were addressed during this presentation.

4. New Business

a. [Program of Study Changes 2021-2022](#)

Dr. Maureen Reed (Assistant Principal, Cheshire High School) presented changes to the Program of Study for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Leslie Paier (Business Department Chair) and Mr. Sean McKeon (Career and Technical Education Department Chair) shared in the presentation specific to their departments. The proposed changes to the 2021-22 Program of Study Changes include

- New courses: AP Seminar Capstone, Introduction to Business, Manufacturing CAD/CAM, Manufacturing Fundamentals
- Deleted courses: Business Ownership, International Business, and Research and Design
- Courses with level changes (all adding dual enrollment designations): Advanced Personal Finance, Accounting I, Computer Essentials/Word Processing

b. New Textbook Recommendations

Mrs. Leslie Paier, Business Department Chair, reviewed recommendations for three textbooks to be utilized within the Business Department Curriculum. Specifically, each textbook is associated with the new courses

- [Paradigm Benchmark Series - Microsoft Word 2013 or 2016 Levels 1 and 2](#), by Nita Rutkoskuy
- [BUSN 11 Introduction to Business](#), by Marce Kelly & Chuck Williams
- [Personal Finance Turning Money Into Wealth](#), by Arthur J. Keown

Ms. Harrigan made a motion to move the textbook recommendations forward to the full Board of Education. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 9:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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