

Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee

Monday, December 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Humiston Building - Board Room, 2nd Floor

Committee Members Present: Faith Ham, Anne Harrigan, Tony Perugini
Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present: Marlene Silano, Kevin Hanlon, Mary Gadd, Sandra Vermeulen, Julie Barker, Leslie Paier
Community Members Present: No community members present

Minutes

Call to Order:

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

Mr. Perugini proposed a motion to add public comment as the first item on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harrigan. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini).

1. Public Comment: No public comment was given.
2. [Review Minutes of October 28, 2019 Meeting](#)
Ms. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 28, 2019 meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business

- a. Out-of-Country Field Trip Request
 - [Reykjavik, Iceland April 10-17, 2021](#)

Sandra Vermeulen, high school Environmental Science Teacher, presented information regarding a planned trip to Iceland in April of 2021. The trip will focus on exploring the geothermal wonders of Iceland, including the Blue Lagoon hot springs, volcanic craters and subarctic fauna.

A motion was made by Ms. Harrigan to approve the trip and move the trip for consideration to the full board of education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perugini. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini).

4. Informational Items

- b. CHS - Additional Resource for Computer Essentials/Word Processing Course
 - *Excellent Adventures - A Microsoft Excel Simulation*Leslie Paier, High School Business Department Chair, presented on efforts to include Microsoft Office Suite, specifically skills in Excel, into the Computer Essentials Course.

c. Overview of Veterans Day Activities

Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, shared a presentation that captured each school's events, happenings, and efforts to honor Veteran's Day. As part of the veterans visiting each school, some of those happenings included: Veteran's breakfasts, patriotic music (including an original song), stations to explore military equipment, honor walks and assemblies, cards and appreciation letters, veteran profiles/introductions, and panel discussions.

Mr. Perugini requested that this presentation and related information such as the number of veterans in attendance be shared at the next business meeting of the Board of Education.

d. Peck Jones Grant Update

Marlene Silano shared the background of Peck-Jones educational trust, and how funds from the grant have been used over the past year.

Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator, added details regarding the professional development related to Next Generation Science Standards for the 2019-20 school year.

e. EL Informational Parent Meeting Update

f. K-5 Math Night

- Math Night/Math Strategies 7 Sessions

Kevin Hanlon presented on two fall parent meetings: English Learner (EL) Parent Night and Math Parent Informational Night.

The EL parent night was focused on helping parents understand the process for EL identification, monitoring growth, and exiting the program; what EL support looks like in the classrooms; and key people for parents to know.

The Math parent night was designed as part of an ongoing effort to help connect families to their child's math instruction. Parents chose three out of a total of seven possible sessions each focused on a different set of visual math strategies at various grade levels. Online video clips that mirror the presentations are in development, will be added to the district website, and will be sent out to families later this winter.

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 8:46 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Hanlon

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K-8 Curriculum Coordinator