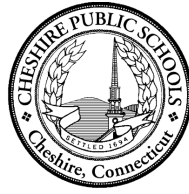


Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee

Monday, September 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Faith Ham (Chair), Anne Harrigan, and Tony Perugini

Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present: Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator; Dr. Mary Gadd, Principal - Cheshire High School (CHS);

Community Members Present: Patricia Cramer, Marléna Soble, Janet Blake

Mr. Perugini made a motion to add an item to the agenda: New Business as number 5 on the agenda and move informational item 3b (Flexibilities for Implementing the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017 for the 2021-2022 School Year) to New Business for consideration as a motion. Ms. Harrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Public Comment

No public comment from the public present nor from the cpscovid19 email address

2. [Review Minutes of June 14, 2021 Meeting](#)

Mr. Perugini made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2021 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Ms. Harrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion included adding the approval of the May Curriculum Committee Minutes to the October meeting.

3. Informational Items

a. Curriculum Writing Institute

Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent, gave an overview of the first annual Curriculum Writing Institute. The institute took place for five days on June 24, 25, 28, 29, 30. The institute was facilitated by consultant Linda Van Wagenen and included approximately 80 teachers. All projects were reviewed and provided individual feedback by Ms. Van Wagenen. A video review of the institute was shared with committee members.

b. Flexibilities for Implementing the *CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017* for the 2021-2022 School Year - Per the motion made at the beginning of the meeting, this item was moved to New Business (#5) for consideration.

c. SBA Assessment Data

Marlene Silano provided a report on the Smarter Balanced Assessment data from the 2020-21 school year. The data shared include comparison of district data from previous years as well as data as comparisons to other districts in our District Reference Group B (DRG B). Cheshire ranked third out of twenty-one districts in both English Language Arts and Mathematics 2020-21 State Assessment Data

d. NGSS Assessment Data

Marlene Silano provided a report on the Next Generation Science Assessment data from the 2020-21 school year. This is the second administration of this assessment.

e. Out-of-State Overnight Field Trip

- CHS - Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, - April 7 - 13, 2022

Dr. Mary Gadd, Principal of Cheshire High School, reviewed the details of a request for a field trip. The trip is to Walt Disney World in Florida from April 7, 2022 to April 13, 2022 and students will participate in three Disney Imagination Campus Workshops. The trip is designed for students who are in History through Pop Culture class and/or juniors and seniors who are part of the interdisciplinary Disney project. The cost per student is \$2658.

f. State Assessment Calendar

Marlene Silano reviewed the state assessment calendar for the 2021-2022 school year including brief descriptions of each assessment. The assessment calendar is similar to traditional assessment calendars from previous years.

4. New Business

Flexibilities for Implementing the *CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017* for the 2021-2022 School Year

Marlene Silano shared an update on flexibilities for Implementing the Educator Evaluation plan this year. The district committee reviewed the proposed flexibilities from the state this year and have approved adopting the flexibilities for Cheshire.

Anne Harrigan made a motion to move the recommended plan forward to the full board of education for consideration. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

As part of discussion, Mr. Perugini asked about the parent and student feedback portion of the plan.

5. Adjourn

Mr. Perugini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Harrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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