

# Cheshire Public Schools



## Board of Education Curriculum Committee

**Monday, March 14, 2022 – 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); Dr. Maureen Reed, Assistant Principal - CHS; Cathy Sullivan, PE/Health Department Chair; Pam Gunneson, PE/Health Teacher; John Perosino, Assistant Principal - Dodd Middle School

Community Members Present:

None

**1. Public Comment**

No public comment via cpscovid19@cheshire.k12.ct.us email nor any in-person public comment.

**2. Review [Minutes of February 14, 2022 Meeting](#)**

*Ms. Harrigan made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Ms. Harrigan voted to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022. Mr. Perugini abstained. The motion passed.*

**3. Informational Items**

**a. Health & PE Cheshire Curriculum Council Executive Summary**

Cathy Sullivan, Pam Gunneson, and John Perosino gave an executive summary of the Health and Physical Education (PE) presentation to the Cheshire Curriculum Council (CCC) on March 9, 2022. The presentation first highlighted the broad skills (critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and collaboration) and PE specific skills (eg. gross locomotor movement, throwing and catching, dance, and fitness) at the elementary and secondary levels. Supporting every student and opportunities for students beyond the core curriculum (eg. intramural sports at Dodd/CHS) were also emphasized in this portion of the presentation.

The presentation then shifted to sharing the continuum of topics (K-3, 4-6, and 7-12) addressed through the current Health curriculum. Some of the key health topics included nutrition, decision making, drugs and alcohol, diseases, sexual health, and relationships. It was emphasized that each topic is addressed in an age appropriate way at every grade level/grade level span.

The final portion of the presentation included some of the long term goals recommended by the PE/Health CCC Committee. Some of those goals included promoting total wellness to staff, students, and community; increasing PE/Health contact time K-12; continuing to improve State Physical Fitness scores; increasing PE/Health specific professional development opportunities; and addressing facility needs to support PE/Health programming.

**4. Old Business**

- a. Discuss language for the reconsideration of library books/classroom resources and possible recommendation to the Policy Committee.

Faith Ham, Anne Harrigan, and Tony Perugini discussed the sample policies regarding reconsideration of library books and/or classroom resources. The samples were compiled from Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and other local Boards of Education. The samples included appropriate channels for parents to make a request for the reconsideration of instructional materials, related forms, and evaluation of requests. From the samples, Marlene Silano noted that this policy most often resides in the 6000 series under Instruction rather than under 1000 series under Community Relations.

The BOE Curriculum Committee members requested that the district Curriculum Office provide a draft policy at the April BOE Curriculum Committee meeting. The BOE Curriculum Committee will review and update the draft for possible motion to send the draft to the BOE Policy Committee for consideration.

**5. Adjourn**

*Ms. Harrigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

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