

# Cheshire Public Schools



## Board of Education Curriculum Committee

**Monday, May 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

### Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Faith Ham (Chair) and Tony Perugini

Cheshire Public Schools Staff Present:

Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent; Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator; Dr. Maureen Reed, Assistant Principal - CHS; Artur Branco, World Language Department Chair; Kristin Haase - German Teacher; Katie Oparowski - Latin Teacher; Tina Ocone - French Teacher

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 April 18, 2022 Meeting](#)**

*Ms. Perugini made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Ms. Ham seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022. The motion passed.*

**3. Informational Items**

- a. World Language Cheshire Curriculum Council Review - Executive Summary  
Artur Branco, Kristin Haase, Katie Oparowski, and Tina Ocone presented an executive summary of the World Language (WL) Cheshire Curriculum Council (CCC) review from March 9, 2022. The presentation began with the mission statement of the WL department, which is: *The WL program promotes linguistic and cultural proficiency and literacy while cultivating a lifelong appreciation and enthusiasm for languages and the cultures they reflect. The WL program consistently implements interdisciplinary learning strategies and actively cultivates global citizenship.* The WL program includes grades 6-12 language courses in Spanish, French, German, Latin, and Italian (CHS only). Some of the key goals of the presentation included to continue to develop and revise curriculum; expand the program further into elementary schools; review updated options for textbooks; increase frequency of target language use; and explore changing the format of the mid-term and final exams to reflect a more performance-based approach.

- b. LAS Links Assessment results overview  
Kevin Hanlon shared a summary report of the LAS Links assessment given to all English Learners (ELs) in the state in January, February and early March. Since the last time this report was completed in 2020, the number of ELs has increased from 51 to 101. Approximately one quarter of students demonstrated an overall proficient level of English on the LAS Links. Of the students who took the assessment in Cheshire last year, the vast majority made growth in scale score points and/or moved up a proficiency level. Individual student performance reports were mailed to families last week. Each letter contained the individual student results in each category of assessment. Additionally, the letter indicated whether the student would be continuing or exiting from EL support services in the 2022-23 school year.
- c. SAT results overview  
Dr. Mary Gadd, Principal at Cheshire High School, was not able to be present at the meeting. Therefore, the SAT results overview was tabled for a future meeting.

#### 4. **New Business**

a. New Instructional Materials Recommendation

- [Financial Accounting 18th Edition](#), by Williams, Bettner, Carcello  
(Dual enrollment course with Tunxis Community College)

Dr. Maureen Reed presented the Financial Accounting 18th Edition, by Williams, Bettner, and Carcello to the BOE Curriculum Committee. This text will be used with the Accounting II course at CHS which is a dual enrollment course with Tunxis Community College.

*Ms. Ham made a motion to move Financial Accounting 18th Edition, by Williams, Bettner, and Carcello forward to the full Board of Education for consideration pending the appropriate review period. Mr. Perugini seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Mr. Perugini voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.*

#### 5. **Adjourn**

*Mr. Perugini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ham seconded the motion. Ms. Ham and Mr. Perugini voted to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

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