

Cheshire Public Schools



Board of Education Curriculum Committee

Monday, September 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Humiston Board Room

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: None

1. Public Comment

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

2. Review Minutes of May 9, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Perugini made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting. Ms. Harrigan seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini voted to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022. The motion passed.

3. New Business

a. Flexibilities for Implementing the *CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017* for the 2022-2023 School Year

Ms. Silano shared the recommendations of the Cheshire Educator Evaluation Committee to continue to implement flexibilities for the *CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation (2017)* for the 2022-2023 School Year as offered/allowed by the state. The flexibilities include the option to conduct more frequent informal observations as opposed to less frequent formal observations. The recommendation from the committee requires the approval of the Board of Education, and Ms. Silano requested a motion to move the committee's recommendation forward to the full Board of Education for approval.

Ms. Perugini made a motion to forward the Cheshire Educator Evaluation Committee's recommendation to continue to implement flexibilities for the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation (2017) for the 2022-2023 School Year as offered/allowed by the state for the full Board of Education to consider. Ms. Ham seconded the motion. Ms. Ham, Ms. Harrigan, and Mr. Perugini unanimously voted to approve the motion. The motion passed.

4. Informational Items

a. Curriculum and Instruction Summer Updates

Ms. Silano provided an update on the summer work and learning opportunities for Cheshire educators. This included eighty teachers participating in this year's Curriculum Writing Institute in June. Additionally, one hundred twenty teachers participated in professional development focused on embedding social emotional learning into academics provided by national author and consultant, Mike Anderson. In all, Cheshire Public Schools had over two hundred teachers involved in developing their craft and improving the curriculum during the summer months. Another highlight from the summer included the exceptional professional development planned and implemented by our teacher leaders related to High Quality Instruction (HQI) during our August District professional development day. The teacher leaders include RAMS, Coaches, Division Leaders, and Department chairs.

b. [2021- 2022 Smarter Balanced Assessment Results Overview](#)

Mr. Hanlon provided an overview of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) performance results as well as the Next Generation Science Standards Assessment (NGSS) results from the 2021-22 school year. The overview included relative performance for similar districts in District Reference Group (DRG B) as well as performance compared to state average. In each of those relative comparisons, Cheshire performance was strong. Additional information was provided regarding the breakdown of performance at each grade level, growth score indicators, and information regarding the performance of students considered 'high needs'. Similarly for the NGSS assessment, Cheshire performed in the top half of the DRG. Additionally, the grade level breakdown (grades 5, 8, and 11) were reviewed.

c. [2021- 2022 SAT Results Overview](#)

Dr. Gadd provided an overview of the 2022 SAT School Day results for students in grade 11. The overview included sharing the design of the two portions of the SAT assessment (Math and Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)), student performance on the assessment, and goals for this year. In relative state and DRG rankings, Cheshire moved higher in both Math and ERW from the 2020-21 administration of the assessment.

d. Out-of-State Overnight Field Trip

- [CHS - Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL - February 16-22, 2023](#)

Dr. Gadd shared information on a trip to Walt Disney World/Universal Studios built upon the Cheshire High School's Social Studies junior/senior elective of History through Pop Culture curriculum. The timing of this trip in February is designed to avoid conflicts with spring sports and overlaps partially with the observance of President's weekend.

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 8:32 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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