



Student Achievement Committee
September 21, 2022
MINUTES - DRAFT

Present: Christina Anderson, Ken Bagley, Catherine Carbone, Chris Cassin, Kim Culkin, Michael Dietter, Jennifer Dube, Carly Fortin, Kristen Giantonio, Stephanie Jacques, Jaime Rechenberg, Azra Redzic, Todd Sturgeon, Dante Tagariello, Melanie Vetrano, Leszek Ward, Christopher Wilson

Call to Order:

Commissioner Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jason Harmon of 583 East Road, Bristol, CT 06010, Mr. Chris Rutsch of 78 Vernon Street, Bristol CT 06010, and Ms. Kristen Hasler of 70 Beechwood Lane, Bristol CT 06010 addressed the committee members in regards to the High School Hockey Cooperative Team.

Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2022:

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, it was unanimously;

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of July 20, 2022.

Decision: Participation in High School Hockey Cooperative Team:

Mr. Cassin presented the opportunity for participation in a cooperative hockey team hosted by Rocky Hill. Mr. Cassin reviewed the regulations that pertain to cooperative athletic team. He also reviewed the specific details regarding Bristol's participation including the obligations to family including transportation and fees. Discussion followed in response to questions from the committee.

On a motion made by Commissioner Sturgeon and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, it was unanimously

VOTED: to NOT approve the motion to continue the pursuit of participation in a cooperative hockey team.

Information: Update on legislation regarding Approved Connecticut Prekindergarten (PreK) to Grade Three Reading Curricula and/or Programs:

Carly Fortin, Director of Teaching and Learning and Azra Redzic, Supervisor of Elementary Humanities, presented information on updates for PreK to Grade Three curriculum and programs. For the school year commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall implement a reading curriculum or program for grades Prek to three. The CSDE anticipates sharing the approved list of Connecticut curricula and programs by September 30, 2022. More information will be brought forward to the Student Achievement Committee as it is published by the CSDE.

Information: 2022 Smarter Balanced Achievement and Growth Data Review:

Ms. Carly Fortin presented Bristol students grew more than ever, surpassing the state averages for growth and average percent target achieved. Learning loss as measured by the performance indices for literacy and math in 2022 as compared to 2019 is less for Bristol students than all of Bristol's surrounding communities. Bristol's strategic efforts included: implementing a well-defined curriculum, using instruction that is focused on grade-level learning, not remediation, enacting continuous improvement through coaching and feedback, and applying grant funds to enrich learning experiences.

Information: Enrollment in Black/ Latino Studies:

Ms. Carly Fortin presented that 36 students from Bristol Central High School and 27 students from Bristol Eastern High School are enrolled in the new course, Black and Latino Studies.

Information: Chemistry Review of Performance:

Ms. Carly Fortin and Dr. Jaime Rechenberg, Supervisor of Secondary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) presented that the performance of students in Academic Chemistry has declined, which is likely



impacted by the increase in enrollment and pandemic related factors. To address these performance issues, Bristol Eastern High School and Bristol Central High School teachers will be planning and collaborating together, during Wednesday early release time to help the students get a better understanding of each chemistry unit. There is a noted difference in students' performance on midterm and final examinations when comparing high school performance. This difference indicated a pedagogical issue that the administration is addressing through supervision, evaluation, increased professional learning and collaboration among teachers of the subject.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sturgeon adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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