



Student Achievement & Outcomes Committee
September 18, 2024
MINUTES - DRAFT

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Student Achievement Committee meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports please go to: [September 18, 2024 SAC Meeting Recording](#)

PRESENT Committee members: Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Maria Simmons (Zoom)

ALSO PRESENT: Kenneth Bagley (Zoom), Kimberly Culkin, Carly Fortin, Sara Hale (Zoom), Lea McCabe, Scott Redman (zoom), Azra Redzic (Zoom), Jillian Romann (Zoom), Ericka Treannie, Kristy Trelli, Melanie Vetrano, Leszek Ward, Iris White

Call to Order

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2024 meeting:

On a motion made by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Simmons, followed by a Roll Call Vote, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to approve the August 21, 2024 meeting minutes.

Information: BAIMS Lottery Process Update

Mrs. Lea McCabe, Principal at Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School, discussed the timeline for the BAIMS lottery pull process, what the process entails, and possible ways to make the process more efficient to improve the transition experiences of students and families going forward.

Questions and comments followed.

Decision: Freshman Academy Curriculum

Ms. Kristy Trelli, Supervisor of Climate, Culture, and Student Supports, presented the curriculum for Freshman Academy. Freshman Academy is an introductory course for ninth-grade students that is designed to support students with the transition from middle school to high school. In this course, students will learn strategies and skills to help them be successful in high school. There are 3 units of instruction: 1. Foundations for Success: Building Academic, Executive & Social-Emotional Skills, 2. Understanding Self and Others: Skills for Success, and 3. Pathways to Success: Career and Education Exploration.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Simmons,

Followed by a Roll Call Vote, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the Freshman Academy curriculum to the full Board of Education for approval.

Information: 24-25 Anticipated Curriculum Revisions

Mrs. Carly Fortin, Chief Academic Officer, presented the curriculum revision process and courses that are slated to be revised or developed this school year. Secondary STEM courses will be added to the curriculum docket once the position has been filled.

Information: 24-25 Scheduled Data Presentations

Mrs. Fortin presented a proposed timeline for when specific data presentations will be brought to the Student Achievement and Outcomes meeting throughout this school year.

Information: 23-24 Attendance and Discipline Reports

Mrs. Erika Treannie, Director of Climate, Culture, and Engagement, presented the data around chronic absenteeism. Some highlights include: Bristol Public Schools continue to decrease our chronic absenteeism rate, Bristol Schools chronic absenteeism rates in the 4 major subgroups are lower than the state average, and Bristol is now a LEAP district and has hired 2 additional staff to support attendance and engagement. Ms. Trelli presented data reports on Bristol Public Schools Discipline. Overall, we have seen a reduction in discipline incidents from the prior year. She also shared the district's next steps in making sure the discipline incidents continue to decline.

Questions and comments followed.

Information: 2024 SAT Report

Mrs. Fortin presented the PSAT and SAT performance data across different populations throughout the last few years. She shared highlights and areas of growth as well as targeted actions toward improvement for the 24-25 school year.

Information: 2024 AP Report

Mrs. Fortin presented data on Advanced Placement enrollment and achievement last school year. AP enrolment increased from the year before and the number of students who scored a 3 or higher also increased. Mrs. Fortin presented the areas of focus for the 24-25 school year.

Information: 2024 Summer School Report

Mrs. Fortin reported on the number of students enrolled in summer school this past summer. There has been a 20% increase in attendees from the Summer of 2023. She also shared some highlights from the Summer CNA Training Program.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula adjourned the meeting at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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