



Student Achievement Committee
May 18, 2022
MINUTES - DRAFT

Present: Ken Bagley, Catherine Carbone, Kim Culkin, Michael Dietter, Jennifer Dube, Carly Fortin, Kristen Giantonio, Sara Hale, Jaime Rechenberg, Azra Redzic, Samantha Sarli, Todd Sturgeon, Leszek Ward, Christopher Wilson

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2022

On a motion made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Sturgeon, Commissioner Giantonio abstained;

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

Decision:Curriculum Revision, Physical Education 9-12

Sara Hale, Teaching Dean of Athletics presented the Physical Education 9-12 curriculum revision. The curriculum is based on the national and CT state standards. High School students are required to complete two credits of physical education towards the graduation requirements. Students take physical education for one semester throughout their four years of high school, ensuring that students are consistently involved in physical activity.

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

VOTED: To approve the Physical Education 9-12 Revision.

Information: Summer School Plans

Carly Fortin, Director of Teaching & Learning provided an overview of the district's summer school programming. A common theme among our summer school offerings is the title, "Advance." The goal is for students to "advance" in their learning when participating in a summer school program. One of the programs being offered is "Advance Elementary Summer School." This program is geared towards students in PreK through Grade 5, students will have an opportunity to strengthen their literacy and mathematical skills. In addition, Bristol Public Schools is offering multiple scholarship opportunities to summer camps and programs, providing students and families with greater choice and more extensive opportunities. Secondly, students in the middle level have the opportunity to take "Advance Middle Summer School." In this program, students will participate in literacy and/or math instruction to bolster their skills. A change in the middle school program this year is to imbed more interdisciplinary learning to effectively gain students interests. Lastly, students in the high school level will have the opportunity to take "Advance High School Summer School." This program will be offered as a hybrid model, which the district found greater student success in the hybrid model at the high school level in its implementation last summer.

Dr. Kim Culkin, Director of Special Services provided information on the Extended School Year summer program. This program is specific to students in grades PreK-12+ with IEPs who require extended school year instruction and related services.

Information: New Curriculum Preview, 6-8 Exploratory and Concentration Art

Ken Bagley, Supervisor of Fine Arts presented the new curricula, 6-8 Exploratory Art and 6-8 Concentration Art. Both of these new curricula are exclusive at BAIMS. The middle school art curriculum is developed to provide all students with the fundamental elements of artistic expression, while allowing our concentration pathway students an introduction into other artistic endeavors.

Information: New Curriculum Preview, Interior Design elective HS

Mr. Bagley presented the new curriculum, Interior Design elective HS. This new curriculum will be exclusively offered to the high school level at BAIMS. This coursework introduces students to the concepts of interior design, which includes elements of the design process, space planning, furnishings, fabrics, and background elements.



Information: New Curriculum Preview, Strings

Mr. Bagley presented the new curriculum, Strings, which will be exclusively offered at BAIMS. This course provides a unique opportunity for students whose interest are in the classical stringed instruments. In this class, students will learn about the Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass, and how to play them.

Information: New Curriculum Preview, Songwriting

Mr. Bagley presented the new curriculum, Songwriting, which will be exclusively offered at BAIMS. This course provides students the opportunity to create their own songs using traditional and digital tools and instruments. The trials and experiments students create will culminate in a final composition project.

Information: New Curriculum Preview, Scenic Design I and II

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg, Supervisor of Secondary STEM presented the new curricula, Scenic Design I and II. Both of these courses will be exclusively offered at BAIMS. Scenic Design and Construction I offer students the ability to learn the design elements and construction components necessary for theater set production. In Scenic Design and Construction II students have access to advanced design principles and construction application of the sets for theatrical productions.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sturgeon adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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