



**Student Achievement & Outcomes Committee
August 20, 2025
MINUTES**

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: [August 20, 2025 SAC Meeting Recording](#)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Carly Fortin, Joe Grabowski, Laura Lanza, Holly Pugliese (Zoom), Leszek Ward, Iris White

Call to Order

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2025 meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula: yes

Commissioner Giantonio: yes

Commissioner Simmons: abstain

Motion passes.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2025 meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Simmons to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula: yes

Commissioner Giantonio: abstain

Commissioner Simmons: yes

Motion passes.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Decision: Marketing I Revision

Mrs. Laura Lanza, Supervisor of Secondary STEM, presented the Marketing I curriculum revision. The revised curriculum includes 5 units: 1. The Marketing Environment, 2. Market Segmentation & Understanding the Customer, 3. Pricing & Product/Service Management, 4. Promotion & Public Relations, 5. Selling, Customer Relations & Channel Management.

Comments followed.

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

Giantonio, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the Marketing I curriculum revision to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: Accounting I Revision

Mrs. Lanza presented the Accounting I curriculum revision. The revised curriculum includes 8 units: 1. Debits & Credits, 2. General Journal and General Ledger, 3. Cash Control Systems, 4. The Worksheet, 5. Financial Statements, 6. End-of-Fiscal Period for a Proprietorship, 7. Special Journals and Subsidiary Ledger, and 8. End-of-Fiscal Period for a Corporation.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was *unanimously*;

VOTED: to move the Accounting I curriculum revision to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: Grade 6 Math Revision

Mrs. Lanza presented the Grade 6 Math curriculum revision. The revised curriculum includes 8 units: 1. Area & Surface, 2. Introducing Ratios, 3. Unit Rates & Percentages, 4. Dividing Fractions, 5. Arithmetic in Base Ten, 6. Expressions & Equations, 7. Rational Numbers, and 8. Data Sets & Distributions.

Questions and discussion followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was *unanimously*;

VOTED: to move the Grade 6 Math curriculum revision to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: Civics Revision

Mr. Leszek Ward, Secondary Humanities Supervisor, presented the Civics curriculum revision. The revised curriculum includes 4 units: 1. Foundations of Democracy, 2. Structure of the Federal Government, 3. Public Participation, and 4. Policy Case Studies.

Comments followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was *unanimously*;

VOTED: to move the Civics curriculum revision to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: Model United Nations- New Course

Mr. Ward presented the new course: Model United Nations. This course was created to expand opportunities to the Model United Nations experience and generate interest in club participation. There is also a possibility to make this part of a future International Relations Pathway. This course is made up of 3 units: 1. Introduction to the United Nations, 2. Preparing Position Papers, and 3. Simulated Committee.

Comments followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio, it was *unanimously*;

VOTED: to move the Model United Nations curriculum to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: Introduction to Criminology SCSU- New Course

Mr. Ward presented the potential new course: Introduction to Criminology. This course was created to complete the Criminal Justice Pathway and include another option for students to receive college credit. The course consists of 4 units: 1. Research Methods, 2. Theories of Criminology, 3. Types of Crime, and 4. Current Issues and Reforms.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was *unanimously*;

VOTED: to move the Introduction to Criminology curriculum to the full Board of Education for approval.

Information: Criminology Textbook- First Reading

Mr. Ward presented the new textbook that aligns with the Introduction to Criminology course. The textbook is called: Criminology Today: An Integrative Introduction, 10th Edition. This textbook is used by the Southern Connecticut State University Sociology Department. This textbook will be presented for a second reading at the next Board of Education meeting.

Decision: Latin I Revision

Mr. Ward presented the Latin I curriculum revision. The revised course consists of 4 units: 1. At Home in Rome, 2. Community Interactions, 3. Enslavement and Freedom, and 4. Entertainment and Leisure Time.

Comments followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was *unanimously*;

VOTED: to move the Latin I curriculum revision to the full Board of Education for approval.

Information: Office of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum and Instructional Services Department Update

Mrs. Carly Fortin, Chief Academic Officer, presented a department update for the Office of Teaching and Learning. The department will now be called the Curriculum and Instructional Services Department (CIS). Mrs. Fortin shared the mission and vision of the department and shared changes in staff members. She also shared the roles and responsibilities for each member of the department.

Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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