



Student Achievement Committee  
December 15, 2021  
MINUTES - DRAFT

Present: Catherine Carbone, Lisa Carroll, Michael Dietter, Jennifer Dube, Carly Fortin, Kristen Giantonio, Michael Higgins, Jaime Rechenberg, Azra Redzic, Jillian Romann, Samantha Sarli, Todd Sturgeon, Melanie Vetrano, Leszek Ward, Christopher Wilson

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2021

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

**VOTED: To approve the Minutes of October 20, 2021.**

Decision: Revised Curriculum, SAT Math:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg, Secondary STEM Supervisor, presented the revised curriculum. This course provides students with a review of the mathematics used on college-prep exams such as the SAT and ACT. This course does not count towards their mathematics graduation requirements. BPS partners with Khan Academy and ALEKS as technologies used to support students to achieve the learning targets in each module.

*On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio to move this to the full board and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: To approve the Revision of SAT Math.**

Decision: Revised Curriculum, Statistics and Geometry:

Dr. Rechenberg presented the curriculum revision. This revision results in a name change and a shift in content in this course. Previously, it was just a Geometry course, but one-third of the SAT involves Statistics, and our previously adapted curriculum does not include access to Statistics prior to students taking the SAT. As a result, the revision laid out a trajectory so that students have access to Statistics throughout their three years. In addition, this course is an Illustrative Math course, which is a problem-based curriculum that asks students to spend much of their time in class working on carefully crafted and sequenced problems. Students' retention is greater in the long-run because they will apply the math in a real world context.

*On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio to move this to the full board and seconded by Commissioner Wilson it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: To approve the Revision of Statistics and Geometry.**

*Carly Fortin, Director of Teaching & Learning introduced the next few items, which are new curriculum designed specifically for the Bristol Arts and Innovative Magnet School.*

Information: New Curriculum, Instrumental Ensemble:

Dr. Samantha Sarli, Supervisor of Fine Arts, presented the new curriculum. This course is similar to Band, in that students perform music of varied styles in concert performances and venues. Students will be required to participate in performances throughout the school year.

Information: New Curriculum, Intermediate Acting:

Dr. Sarli presented the new curriculum. Students will learn the fundamentals of acting through improvisation, monologue and large group performances. There is not a culminating performance; students will have small-scale performances throughout the various units that align to the techniques taught and performed.

Information: New Curriculum, Musical Theater:



Dr. Sarli presented the new curriculum. Students will learn the basics of musical theater while creating and performing a showcase featuring production numbers for musicals focused on a common theme. Because this course culminates with a final performance, the units are scaffolded to support the creative musical process.

Information: Physical Theater & Movement:

Dr. Sarli presented the new curriculum. Through movement, students will learn how their bodies can be used to express meaning, emotion, and character. In this course, there is no culminating performance, rather students are performing throughout each unit to show their proficiency.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sturgeon adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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