



Student Achievement Committee
February 15, 2023
MINUTES - DRAFT

Present: Catherine Carbone, Michael Dietter, Jennifer Dube, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Carly Fortin, Kristen Giantonio, Michael Higgins, Jaime Rechenberg, Jillian Romann, Todd Sturgeon, Dante Tagariello, Melanie Vetrano, Leszek Ward

Call to Order:

Commissioner Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023 meeting:

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

VOTED: to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kevin Thompson and Mrs. Jill Thompson of 66 Jacqueline Drive, and Mrs. Emily Czarnecki of 265 Silo Road addressed the committee members in regards to the potential co-op swimming team.

It was realized at 6:40 p.m. that the zoom link provided on the public meeting notice was not working properly. It was decided that the meeting be paused and a new meeting link would be created.

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

VOTED: to pause the February 15, 2023 Student Achievement meeting and publish a new meeting link. (6:41 p.m.)

Commissioner Sturgeon called the meeting to resume at 7:11pm.

Decision: Swimming Co-op:

Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent of Bristol Public Schools, presented the opportunity for Bristol high schools to join a co-op swim team. There will be 8 students from Bristol Eastern and 8 students from Bristol Central. Due to CIAC regulations, the two schools will need to be listed under one name. The CIAC application is due May 1, 2023. This opportunity will be at no cost and will be held at the Dennis Malone Aquatics Center in Bristol.

Questions and discussion followed.

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

VOTED: to approve the Co-op Swim Team.

Information: High School Chemistry Update:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg, Secondary STEM Supervisor, presented an update on high school chemistry. Dr. Rechenberg has observed the new teachers and has also done monthly walkthroughs in the buildings and check-ins with teachers. She has allowed for collaboration time between the two high schools to work on assessment development to ensure that both schools are consistent. Dr. Rechenberg presented the raw data comparing this year's test scores to last year's scores. By having better communication between both schools, we are seeing better and more consistent results between the two schools.

Questions and discussion followed.

Information: Rising Educators II - Pilot:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented a pilot for the new course, Rising Educators II. The Curriculum Planning Council has voted to approve to run the pilot. This will be a new course structured as a career pathway for students interested in teaching or other careers in education. Teachers will investigate, select, and pilot lessons from the Educators Rising Platform. This will allow teachers to write our own curriculum for Rising Educators II.

Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sturgeon adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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