

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Zoom Invitation- 5:45 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Laden at 5:47 p.m.

The following Board members were in attendance: Joy Greenstein, Jennifer Laden, and Michael Murphy.

The following faculty members were in attendance: Marc Balanda (Principal BHS), Shannon Lungariello (College and Career Counselor BHS), Deb Farias (Director of Instruction); Kemen Holley (Supervision of WL and EL), Kathy Malatesta and Jennifer Rocca (Teacher-Librarians BHS), Jennifer Brown (Teacher Librarian WMSO, Deanna Pearson (Teacher Librarian HHES), and Maureen Ruby (Assistant Superintendent).

There was no Public Comment offered at this meeting.

A presentation by Teacher Librarians Deanna Pearson, Jennifer Brown, Kathy Malatesta, and Jennifer Rocco provided a wealth of information on the ongoing library audit work and “Equity in Action” efforts in our school Library-Media Centers. During the presentation, each school Teacher Librarian addressed what specific efforts were being taken within the individual school libraries and the presentation also highlighted the vertical articulation of efforts across the four individual libraries to provide district cohesiveness and continuity in the support of learning and student engagement with text and media. The presentation is available as a component of these minutes.

Next, the committee heard a presentation by Mr. Balanda and Ms. Kemen Holley on World Language Textbooks and materials, all of which are accounted for in the Superintendent’s budget proposal for 2021-22. The materials are needed to support the French program at BHS and the AP preparation in WL. The CAPE committee members unanimously recommended support of the proposal. The presentation is a component of these minutes.

Finally, the committee received presentation by Mr. Balanda and Ms. Shannon Lungarillo on the elimination of “Class Rank” at BHS. The presentation and discussion reviewed data on the college application process and criteria used by colleges to make acceptance decisions. Class Rank is no longer a key criterion for decision making by colleges and has been eliminated by some colleges all together. Several area high schools were identified as having already eliminated the use of class rank. This was an initial discussion on this topic and it will be continued. The CAPE committee members were in support of following up on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent