

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education
Curriculum and Student Development Committee
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
5:30 PM
Polson Library & Remote**

MEETING MINUTES

Steven Pynn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Jennifer Gordon, Catherine Miller, Steven Pynn

Also present: Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Dr. Craig Cook, Gail Dahling-Hench, T.J. Salutari, Jen Hawley

Recorder: Steven Pynn

1. DHHS Program of Studies

Presenter: T. J. Salutari, DHHS Principal

Annual presentation of program of studies. Primarily course descriptions to be aligned with what is being taught in the classrooms. Considerable effort by entire staff revising Core Values and Beliefs Statement. In fifth ideation currently and still in draft form. Some shifting of level 2 classes to level one based on examination of the rigor of these classes. One class shifted from one to two. Some effort to try and make some under-utilized classes more attractive to students.

2. NEASC Preparations

Presenter: T. J. Salutari, DHHS Principal

DHHS in the process of preparing for a site visit in 2024 and is about half way through the second year self-reflection process. Entire faculty involved in this comprehensive process. NEASC has significantly changed the standards and process guided around themes of Profile of a Graduate, Culture of Teaching to Culture of Learning, and Growth Mindset. There are now 32 principles of effective practice that must be met to earn accreditation. Principal Salutari feels there is strong alignment between the district's goals and the accreditation process and what we are currently working on.

3. School Externship and Counseling Plan

Presenter: Jen Hawley, Guidance

Presentation outlining a plan to convert a current counselor to a Career and College Counselor at the high school. This will facilitate an increase in externships, presentations, more personal exploration of career pathways, Naviance and Student Success Plans. There was enthusiastic support of this direction by board members with a request for further presentations on the district plan on career pathways from middle school to high school.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

"The Town of Madison does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and the meeting facilities are ADA accessible. Individuals who need assistance are invited to make their needs known by contacting the Town's ADA/Human Resources Director Debra Milardo at 203-245-5603 or by email to

milardod@madisonct.org at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting.”