

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, February 15, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual Location:

Topic: Education Committee
Time: Feb 15, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Minutes

Education Committee Members: Richard Dunning, Niki McGettigan (Chair), Linda Quintanilha, Stephen Ullman, and Jerome Wilson

Present: Richard Dunning, Stephen Ullman, Jerry Wilson, Janine Lesser, Dr. Ann Forrest, Heather McKillop, Sara King, Greg Leonard

5:00 Approval of January 25, 2021 Minutes

Stephen Ullman moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021. Jerry Wilson second. Jerry Wilson abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

5:10 CVHS Social Studies and Sports Course

Greg Leonard reported that *Social Studies and Sports* was piloted for the first time this past fall. It was originally designed by Nick Seymour to encompass the different disciplines in the Social Sciences. The class gives the opportunity such that students feel comfortable and apply it in the social sciences area and intertwine the disciplines.

Sara King designed a presentation that shared that a lens through sports is a focus. Sara said that when it came to sports, it is not often thought of as a cultural institution. By studying sports, we can study society. Students think that when they take the course that they will study the history of the Super Bowl. They realize they are studying economics and political background through sports.

Resources for the course include the use of Google because of the uniqueness of the course. Topics covered were highlighted. Cultural and national identity, commercialization of sports, foreign relations, and sports and social inequality are covered in the course. Special topics in the areas of ethics, concussions, coaching, sports and social mobility are touched on as well.

Sara King shared that cultural identity was one of the first focuses. For example, every culture has a different wrestling style. It is native to a particular area. Labor markets and collective bargaining is also part of this study.

Greg Leonard shared that everyone in the department has the opportunity to teach an elective. Sara was enthusiastic and it was a good fit.

How does the high school measure student interest? Greg Leonard said that this course was approved for a pilot and then students had the opportunity to enroll. Fourteen enrolled allowing for a good start. Other electives include AP World, AP US History, World Religions, Post WW II, and Social Studies in Sports. They have been well received.

Dick Dunning said that the teacher teaching the course makes it or breaks it.

Sports and Inequality was a unit that was enjoyed by students. Part of the discussion included when the National Basketball Association protested over the summer. Students considered athletes using their platform. Jackie Robinson and the integration of baseball, and Muhammad Ali were studied. Gender in sports was studied as well. Title IX discussion addressed the Political Science component.

Sara King said that she hopes to be able to have the opportunity to develop topics further. Benefits and drawbacks of youth sports was studied. A look at athletic scholarships is part of the course.

The final assessment for the course requires students to create a sports radio segment. They had to create the script. One student did an interview session with their grandfather that included a back and forth dialogue. Another student approached the ethics and the problems athletes have i.e. domestic abuse charges and the leagues responsibility to address it.

Heather McKillop shared that she is grateful that Sara took teaching this course on.

Dick Dunning asked the committee if they were in favor of bringing this course to the full board.

Confirmed.

Dick Dunning said that if the board has any questions, they will be asked to attend a future board meeting.

6:00 Other

None.

Jerry Wilson motioned to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. Stephen Ullman second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok