

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 13, 2022

5:30 PM

Location: SAU Boardroom

MINUTES

Education Committee Members: Tom Burgess, Keira Christian, Richard Dunning, Liz Swan, and Stephen Ullman (Chair)

Present: Tom Burgess, Richard Dunning, Dr. Ann Forrest, Amy Janoch, Janine Lesser, Emily LaCroix, Kris Levesque-Lee, Terri Drogue

5:30 Approval of May 16, 2022 Minutes

Dick Dunning moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022. Tom Burgess seconded. Unanimous.

5:35 Learning Recovery Update

- Elementary Social Emotional Learning Curriculum - First 8 Weeks of School

Amy Janoch reported that a system to address social/emotional needs was being worked on years ago with Eric Mann, MSW. A curriculum was developed that incorporated Responsive Classroom and Zones of Regulation practices. The goal was to implement it and make revisions based on teacher feedback and bring it forward to the board. It got put to the side when COVID happened.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) came to the surface as a priority and a goal. The elementary principals drew on the curriculum this year to assess effectiveness and make revisions. If approved, the implementation plan would be followed. The plan included a review of Eight Weeks to Establishing an SEL Supportive School with Elementary Administrators and SEL Team. The SEL Team would work to develop an orientation presentation which would be brought to new staff during orientation. During August Professional Development Days, the curriculum would be reviewed and shared. From there, it would be implemented. In October and November, a self-evaluation with fidelity would take place. The plan would be considered for expansion.

Kris Lee, PES Assistant Principal, shared goals when addressing Social Emotional Learning:

Goal 1 centered around creating a safe and predictable environment so students can engage in academic learning.

Goal 2 centered on ensuring that all students have the tools to be well-regulated so they can engage in learning e.g. regulate stress, regulate thoughts and feelings as well as body energy.

When people are well-regulated, they are available to learn, be a good friend, and be a thoughtful decision maker.

Emily LaCroix, HES Teacher, shared the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Implementation Plan for ConVal Elementary Schools. The calendar of implementation was reviewed. Expectations and the definition for Morning Meeting is shared. Links for teachers to access information as well as request an observation from a colleague are embedded in the plan.

The same holds true for Closing Circle as Morning Meeting.

Interactive Modeling is possible. The “why” for each segment is embedded to stress the importance. The plan is full of resources for teachers.

A “Signal to Shift” for the next academic activity was shared. It could simply mean dimming the lights etc. “Regulation Station” helps a student self-regulate on their own.

Amy Janoch said that after teachers have implemented the first eight weeks, they will complete a fidelity of implementation assessment to help inform if the curriculum is effective.

Dick Dunning asked about looking at the plan in two-week chunks rather than the end of eight weeks to allow shifts to occur. When will staff have the opportunity to meet to brainstorm how things are going? Staff meeting was seen as a natural place for this opportunity.

It is an eight week introduction but will be implemented for the entire year. It began back in 2018-2019 but fell to the side. Amy Janoch was a principal then but in her role now she is able to lift this from principals to move forward.

One of the goals for the elementary schools this year was to see if this curriculum was being implemented. Principals went into classrooms and looked for items on the rubric to see if they were in motion. The programs and techniques are research based.

Examples of how students have adapted and used strategies were shared.

Ann Forrest shared that the curriculum is approved by the Board.

- Enrollment for Summer Programming

Amy Janoch reported that at Peterborough Elementary School there are 37 students enrolled. Of the 37, 16 are first and second graders with the remaining third and fourth graders. Dublin, Peterborough, Temple and Greenfield students make up the 37.

The summer units by grade were shared.

At Antrim Elementary School, enrollment is 18 students from Antrim, Hancock, Frankestown and Bennington.

At the middle school, the 5-6 program has 17 students while the 7-8 program has 16 students.

At the high school, there are 34 recovery students. They are open to anyone.

6:05 CVHS Course Enrollment Fall 2022

Terri Drogue, ConVal Director of School Counseling, shared a “Course Request Tally”. It reflected the number of requests for specific courses for the upcoming school year. Students have the opportunity to choose an alternative elective should the first choice not be available.

Decisions for low enrolled classes would need consideration.

Access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses was discussed in terms of equity. Terri shared that students are opting to take Running Start courses where they receive college credit upon passing. Taking an AP Course requires a student to test and achieve a three or higher in order

to request a college to accept. Colleges may or maynot accept the AP score for credit. Running Start credits are accepted in many places. It is college credit at the community college level. An official transcript is provided to the student and high school. Running Start enrollments are up for next year.

This brings us back to the question of "How small is too small?" Classes with over fifteen students enrolled run but those with fewer might require consideration.

AP courses are also run through VLAC.

Most classes are a semester long while some courses run an entire year.

Looking at the high school schedule was discussed. Block vs. seven periods or a hybrid of the two is under review.

Ms. Drogue said that students and parents will have access to their schedule during the first week in August.

Janine Lesser motioned to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Dick Dunning seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok