

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education
Curriculum and Student Development Committee
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
5:30 PM
Hammonasset Room/Town Hall**

MEETING MINUTES

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

Members present: Mary Ann Connelly, Cathy Miller and Steven Pynn.

Also present: Gail Dahling-Hench, Dr. Craig Cooke.

Recorder: Steven Pynn

1. World Language Curriculum K-12

Presenters: Jennifer Aguzzi and Leslie Lopez.

The district is seeking board approval for the World Language K-12 Curriculum revisions.

The presenters thanked the board for supporting the process of curriculum writing and implementation. It is their strong belief that this process has resulted in deep understanding on the part of the faculty and commensurate high learning on the part of students. The curriculum was revised and adjusted to parallel the trimester system and increased from two units to three units. The curricula is designed to progress from exposure to immersion through the grades and focuses on student active participation and application. In addition, emphasis is on cultural understanding and current day relevance. The profile of a graduate competencies are embedded throughout as well as many cross curricular lessons. Self-evaluation on the part of the students is incorporated and planned for. The presenters underscored the value of starting world languages early and thanked the board for supporting this as they are seeing the positive results throughout the the grades.

2. Right to Read Legislation Discussion

Presenter: Gail Dahling Hench and Dr. Craig Cooke.

A brief update on the current status of the districts efforts to gain a waiver and potential impact instructionally and financially if the waiver continues to be denied. Dr. Cooke made the point that the state is not considering performance (in which Madison exceeds the benchmarks) even though the legislation was designed to impact performance. Gail Dahling -Hench highlighted all of the stated requirements for being approved for a waiver and how Madison meets all of them despite being denied twice. Seth Klaskin continues to work through CAFE and with our legislators to find a solution. There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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