



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety and Media Literacy Advisory Council
November 8, 2021
Virtual TEAMS Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was held on November 8, 2021. The meeting convened at 4:04 p.m. and the following members were present:

Present: Melissa Wlodarczyk Hickey (Chair)
Jennifer Dolan
Charles Dumais
Barbara Johnson
Kristie McGarry
Janet Parlato
Marcus Stallworth

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m.

II. Introductions

Council welcomed new member Janet Parlato.

III. Council Membership

As many Council members retired and are no longer part of the Council, the Council discussed updating membership. Council members proposed adding a student voice, a representative from foster care arena (e.g., C.A.S.A.), another higher education representative, and a member from the Connecticut Library Association. We will continue conversation at next meeting.

IV. Update on the National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries

Melissa Hickey and Barbara Johnson presented updates on the AASL standards. On December 1, 2021, the CSDE will be presenting the standards to the Connecticut Board of Education (Board) for review and consideration of adoption.

V. Update and Next Steps Regarding Cyberbullying Supports for Schools/Districts

Jennifer Dolan and Marcus Stallworth presented updates regarding creation of cyberbullying supports. Jennifer discussed updating the Board approved the Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Guidelines to add the cyberbullying component. Barbara Johnson agreed to updating the guidelines.

Also, Jennifer shared idea of having the Council focus on bringing an active message to schools and include schools and students. Marcus Stallworth added that the supports must not have financial commitments for schools/districts and need to assist in raising awareness and helping them with cyberbullying issues. Marcus outlined the group's idea to develop a set of PSAs to address current

needs as timing would be perfect with increase in remote learning and student access to technology. Kristie McGarry added that mental health is currently on the forefront of every educator's mind and it would be timely to focus on this aspect.

Marcus mentioned as this is a community/family effort in which learning is reciprocal, we should focus on increasing their knowledge as well. Janet Parlato proposed harnessing video as this media is currently the currency utilized by students.

Council voted unanimously to update the Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Guidelines. Marcus and Jennifer will put together next step document to share with the Council.

VI. Other Topics

Council scheduled the following meetings:

- December 6, 2021, from 3:30-4:30;
- January 10, 2022, from 3:30-4:30; and
- February 14, 2022, from 3:30-4:30.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.