



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety and Media Literacy Advisory Council
November 16, 2020
Virtual TEAMS Meeting
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was held on November 16, 2020. The meeting convened at 4:05 p.m. and the following members were present:

Present: Melissa Wlodarczyk Hickey (Chair)
 Jennifer Dolan
 Charles Dumais
 Barbara Johnson
 Gregory Lawrence
 Kristie McGarry
 Marcus Stallworth
 Mary Ellen Minichiello
 Bob Mitchell

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes with no changes, edits, or deletions by Chip Dumais, seconded by Greg Lawrence.

III. Sandy Hook Promise Update

During the July 21, 2020, meeting the Council had discussion on next steps to provide information about free speech issues; and mental health tools to respond to online cyberbullying, preventative measures regarding safety and social media, students needing help online and tools to respond to upsetting information. The Sandy Hook: Start with Hello program is utilized by schools in Connecticut. Mike Rell introduced Barbara Johnson and Melissa Hickey to the Sandy Hook staff. Barbara and Melissa updated the Council on what they have learned to date. Barbara shared information on the K-12 tie to internet safety and Sandy Hook Promise. Melissa and Barbara will continue to meet with Sandy Hook Promise and report back to the Council.

IV. National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries Presentation (Barbara Johnson and Mary Ellen Minichiello)

Barbara Johnson and Mary Ellen Minichiello presented on the AASL American Association of School Librarian National School Library Standards (unveiled in November 2017). There are four AASL Standards Domains (e.g., Think, Create, Share, Grow). The Connecticut State Board of Education (Board) approved ISTE Standards (2018) are aligned to the AASL Standards. The ISTE Standards and AASL

Standards “zipper” together and work together to expand what students know and understand about information technology. The AASL standards have “shared foundations” that align to ISTE standards but to other Board approved standards (e.g., Social Studies Framework, Computer Sciences, and Connecticut Core Standards for English/Language Arts) culture to foster in classrooms. The AASL “think” “share” and “grow” look through the three lenses of Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy.

Council discussed that the decision to bring new standards to the Board must come from the Commissioner of Education and follows a process that includes gathering stakeholder feedback. Current Connecticut Frameworks were approved in January 2006.

Questions

Jennifer Dolan had question about having separate standards might release responsibility of classroom teachers and they will not see themselves as technology teachers. They might see as “library standards” and say that it doesn’t apply to the classroom. Council would have to think about how to support classroom teachers and library media teachers in working together. Include language to make inclusive to all teachers.

Greg Lawrence stated that we all have to think about teaching more consciously. Teach how to listen and think about multiple perspectives/opinions. Invite other people who have different thinking into the conversation.

Bob Mitchell stated that integrating into curriculum is important.

V. Other Topics

A. Update *Digital Citizenship, Internet Safety, and Media Literacy Guidelines and Recommended Actions*

- a. Create Survey to send to superintendents to disseminate. Survey would ask if stakeholders find document helpful. Who is using? What are they needing?
- b. Add to the document about free speech and mental health supports.

Next meeting will occur January 25, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.