

**Madison Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Curriculum and Student Development Committee  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022  
5:30 PM  
Polson Library and Zoom**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Steven Pynn called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m.

**Members present:** Jen Gordon, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn

**Also present:** Seth Klaskin, Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent, Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent, Suzanne Gaskell, DHHS Art Teacher and William Sommer, K-12 Art Coordinator and DHHS Art Teacher

**Recorder:** Steven Pynn

1. Art Adoptions

Presenter: Bill Sommer

- Grade 6
- Grade 7
- Grade 8
- Sculpture
- Drawing I
- Drawing II Studio
- Painting Studio
- Short film
- Commercial Photography

Gail Dahling-Hench presented on the process of curriculum development by the art department starting in 2019 with seven teachers and multiple changes and staff reallocation and then COVID and its impact on meetings.

Bill Sommer presented for the department and reported the curriculum development process began by getting input from students and all stakeholders regarding preferred course offerings and experiences. Central to the program development was the Creative Cycle that would apply to most courses and provide student feedback and continuous growth. They tried to design with an emphasis more on process than product. Built into the formative process is performance-based assessments. Looking to the future they would like to see more cross credited courses with humanities to expand interplay of art with broader world views. The value of connecting art to SEL was also discussed.

There was considerable discussion of the qualitative nature of art in the learning experience beyond the important skill development. The art department is being encouraged to write more of these qualitative standards and goals into their curriculum documents as board members were confident based on the presentation that it is embedded in the instruction but not adequately articulated in the curriculum.

2. Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

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