

**Instruction Committee Minutes**  
**Rochester School Department - Virtual**  
December 17, 2020  
6:00 PM

**DRAFT**

**Members Present**

Mr. Robert Watson, Chair  
Mrs. Matthew Pappas  
Mr. Thomas O'Connor  
Mrs. Anne Grassie  
Mrs. Sarah Harrington

**Members Absent**

Mr. Nathaniel Byrne

**Also Present**

Dr. Sandie MacDonald  
Mr. Kyle Repucci  
Guests & Public

Mr. Watson called the meeting to order on a roll call at 6:15 p.m. with a quorum present.

***Approval of Minutes***

Mrs. Grassie, moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 Instruction Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

***New SHS Courses***

1. Mr. Justin Roy, Principal and Mr. Taylor Ramsey, science teacher, proposed a new Botany class – High School Science elective – 0.5 credit quarter class. Discussion ensued

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to bring to full board for review and approval to add the Botany class as an elective to the high school curriculum. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. Mr. Justin Roy, and Mrs. Sheila Colson, Department Head FCS, proposed a new Regional Foods of the United States – High School FCS elective – 0.5 credit quarter class. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Grassie moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to bring to full board for review and approval to add the Regional Foods of the United States class as an elective to the high school curriculum. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

***ROTC move to CTE***

Mrs. Cotton, HS/MS CIA Coach and Major Daniel Heeter, ROTC, presented a proposal to modify and move the ROTC course to the CTE program of studies. Discussion ensued.

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to bring to full board the modification of the ROTC program as presented. The motion passes unanimously on a roll call vote.

***5 Year Plan***

- Heidi Zollman, Elementary CIA Coach and Kathy Cotton, presented updates to personalized learning in remote
  - Common Schedules
  - Creating additional structures for connecting with families and students
  - Building in social-emotional practices
  - Using Google Classroom across the district
  - Professional learning opportunities for teachers to personalize learning
- K-2 Device – Tech Updates – Heidi Zollman presented updates
  - Older iPads have issues
  - New iPads have been delivered to schools
  - iPads vs Chromebooks: K-1 iPads/2+ Chromebooks – Chromebooks work better in Remote; Touchscreen Chromebooks are preferred

***Public Comment - None***

***Other – None***

*Adjournment*

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mrs. Harrington, to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Watson, Chair