



Board of Education Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity Committee

(Minutes from 2/2/23 meeting)

February 2, 2023

Time 5:00 – 6:00p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Baron, Mr. Wood, Ms. Lucasey (ex-officio), and Mr. Slentz.

Meeting convened at approximately 5:15pm

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by all members.

2. Review of Committee Purposes and Goals

Committee

The committee reviewed the previously established Committee Structure and Function document and Mr. Slentz provided various highlights for each respective section including subpopulation data from assessments. The committee discussed the IB for All concerns that Mr. Slentz and others have heard and the committee agreed that having Dr. Falino attend a future committee meeting to discuss the specific steps that had been taken to make the IB program more accessible to a greater number of students would be valuable.

3. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Progress on District Goals 2 (K-5 Reading and Ela Program), 3 (Development of MTSS Plan Framework), and 5 (Implementation of DEI Plan)

Mr. Slentz provided an overview of the work that the respective Goals Teams were engaged in towards meeting each goal as follows:

Goal 2: Dr. Drake, Ms. Grabelsky, Dr. Stinchcomb, and Ms. Yang-Kaczmarek are doing some great foundational work in reviewing our current approaches to reading program while also doing shared readings amongst themselves and attending professional development workshops on key topics in reading. They are working on building a data set that will help inform their work with the faculty and staff once the foundational studies have been completed. Ms. Baron asked what the role the Board played in the process and Mr. Slentz reviewed the elements of Policy 4200 which required a committee to provide a recommendation(s) that were subsequently acted on by the Board. Ms. Baron and Ms. Lucasey provided history on what this process looked like in the past.

Goal 3: MTSS is a districtwide initiative in each of our buildings and focuses both on academic and behavioral/social emotional instruction and intervention. There is a good deal of work happening in each building on both prongs of this work.

Coordinating the work between all buildings is the focus of one of our administrative interns this fall who is being tasked with the development of an MTSS handbook that will better ensure consistency in practice, common language, and overall understanding of the processes involved. Mr. Slentz noted that a solid Tier 1 instructional plan was the foundation of this work.

Goal 5: The DEI plan continues to be integrated into our day-to-day operations. Mr. Slentz provided examples from each buildings including the activities of the DEI committee at Springhurst that recently held a day-long retreat to discuss their work that was happening and how they would continue to move it forward and the PBIS project at the middle school that was focused on inclusion of all students and developing a greater sense of belonging; and the attendance initiatives at the high school to intervene on students who were hitting the number of absences noted in the district attendance policy.

b. Review of Communications on Goal 5

The committee discussed various ways that the District could better communicate this given how public the development of the plan and associated policy had been.

c. Policy work on Graduation Pathways

Mr. Slentz updated the committee on the work that elementary principal Dr. Drake was involved in at the state level through her policy fellow work. Dr. Drake is currently working with NY State Senator Stewart-Cousins on a policy initiative and has been interacting with Dr. Rosa, the NYS Education Commissioner, and her team on this topic.

4. Other

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5. Next meeting Date

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a. TBD

6. Adjourn

Committee

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.