



Board of Education Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity Committee

Minutes

January 11, 2024

Time 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Bass, Ms. Nagarajan, Ms. Lucasey (ex-officio), Dr. Falino, and Mr. Slentz

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

Committee members approved the agenda

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. New Course presentation

Mr. Slentz reviewed the requirements of Policy 4200 where the Superintendent is to periodically review the District's curriculum and recommend any necessary changes. Dr. Falino then provided an overview of the rationale for four new student interest-based high school courses that are recommended for implementation in the 2024-25 school year. Those courses are:

- *Competitive Debate*
- *Film Production*
- *Science Fiction*
- *Theater Set Design*

Some of the courses will be offered every other year, some may replace current clubs, and one course will be offered during period 10 (after the regular school day).

Committee members discussed the sequences of the courses and how they fit with current courses being offered.

- b. 9-12 Course progression in math and science

Based on a previous question regarding Physics being offered in 10th grade, Dr. Falino provided an overview of the philosophy and course sequence that has been established in the high school to ensure that every student is able to take physics during their high school years. The course sequence also allows each of our high school students to graduate with four years of mathematics. Mr. Slentz explained the benefit of four years of math in terms of students' readiness for higher education.

- c. DEI Plan review

Mr. Slentz provided a brief overview of the District's progress on our DEI plan, and on the four principles of the NYSED Framework for Culturally Responsive - Sustaining Education guidance document. Dr. Stinchcomb will provide a more detailed update at the next committee meeting.

3. Next Meeting Date

Committee

- a. February 8, 2024

4. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee