



Board of Education Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity Committee

Minutes from November 16, 2023

Time 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Bass, Ms. Nagarajan, Ms. Lucasey (ex officio), Dr. Brown, Dr. Stinchcomb, Mr. Slentz

1. Framing the work

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- a. Review and approval of agenda

Committee members approved the agenda.

- b. Policy Review in Support of Initiatives

- i. Policy 4000 – Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines
- ii. Policy 4200 – Curriculum Management

Mr. Slentz reviewed the key components of two policies that are relevant to our curriculum improvement work. Key components include ensuring that high academic standards and expectations are in place for all students; that the district will utilize response to intervention strategies; that the district will utilize culturally responsive instructional practices, curriculum, and assessments; and that Board views a centralized curriculum articulated among and between grade levels as essential to an effective instructional program designed to meet the learning standards established by the state and the Board.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. K-5 Literacy Pilot

Dr. Brown and Dr. Stinchcomb reviewed the process utilized for developing a pilot program for K-5 reading curricula. The process included a substantial review of the research on effective reading instruction, a comparison of various curricular models using third party evaluations, the timeline that will be utilized for the pilot, the selection process for teacher participation, and the professional support that will be in place during the pilot period.

- b. Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation Donation for Literacy Initiative

Mr. Slentz provided an update on the funding that the district anticipates receiving from the Foundation that will further support the reading pilot and the associate training and materials.

- c. Initial Overview of the NYSED Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures

Mr. Slentz provided an initial review of the recommendations section of the recently released report from the New York State Education Department Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures. As there are many questions associated with this document, regional meetings are scheduled for administrators and school board members where the report will be reviewed and questions answered.

3. **Next Meeting Date**
 - a. December 14, 2024

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4. **Adjourn**

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The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.