



Board of Education Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity Committee

December 17, 2024

Time 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: P. Sullivan-Nunes, P. Nagarajan, B. Bass (ex-officio), K. Slentz, A. Klaich

The meeting convened at 5:45 p.m.

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. K-8 Curriculum Implementation presentation review

- i. Illustrative Mathematics K-8

- ii. Bookworms K-5

K. Slentz provided an overview of the January 21 presentation to the board. The committee discussed preliminary student assessment results for reading and requested that these be included in the presentation.

- b. 2025-26 schedules and communications update

- i. Information in 12/15 review

- ii. Discussion at SCR committee

- iii. Next steps

K. Slentz updated the committee on the discussion with the School and Community Relations Committee regarding staff and parent communications on the anticipated changes to the 2025-26 student schedules. K. Slentz will continue to meet with student representative groups at the middle and high schools before finalizing the schedules.

- c. Plans update

K. Slentz updated the committee on the status of required district plans including:

- i. Comprehensive ELL Education Plan (CEEP)

D. Stinchcomb and S. Consiglio will submit the plan to NYSED by or before December 20.

- ii. Special Education

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso will provide an overview of the plan to the full board at the January 7 meeting. K. Slentz will recommend that the board adopt the plan at the January 21 meeting.

- iii. Physical Education (PE)

A. Klaich provided an overview of the PE Plan and next steps related to curriculum development.

- d. Curriculum updates
 - i. Curriculum appeal process
K. Slentz updated the committee on potential challenges to elements of the first-grade curriculum and reminded the committee of the policy and protocols in place to address any such concerns.
 - ii. Health education topics
K. Slentz discussed components of the K-5 and 6-12 health curricula that are currently being reviewed by A. Klaich and R. Wing. Based on state and national standards, certain components will be addressed in different grade levels in the 2025-26 school year.
 - e. Regionalization participation update
K. Slentz updated the committee on the status of the NYS Education Department's Regionalization initiative and the ongoing discussions with other districts in the region. K. Slentz will present a recommendation to the full board at the January 7 meeting.
 - f. Springhurst garden plan
K. Slentz updated the committee on the plans to integrate more intentionally the outdoor garden and recycling plans into the K-5 curriculum. K Slentz anticipates providing a recommendation to the board at the January 21 meeting.
3. Next meeting topics:
- a. Social-Emotional Learning plans at Springhurst
K. Slentz updated the committee on the work that Springhurst administration is doing in evaluating different curricula for the 2025-26 school year. Much of this work falls under the RECOVS grant that the district is participating in with nine other districts in the region.
 - b. New courses for 2025-26 – Career and Technical Education (CTE)
K. Slentz updated the committee on the potential for new CTE courses on stage set design and stage sound, and lighting for the 2025-26 school year. High school administration will present a recommendation to the committee at a future meeting.

3. Action Steps:

4. Next Meeting Date

- a. January 14, 2025

Committee

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Committee