

**Curriculum and Instruction Committee
September 26, 2018**

Attendance:

Tracy Baron	BOE Member
Rita Kennedy	BOE Member
Lisa Brady	Superintendent
Doug Berry	Asst. Superintendent
Julia Drake	Springhurst Principal
Ray Cavallo	Springhurst Assistant Principal
Wendy Guagenti	Springhurst Art/STEAM Teacher

Springhurst STEAM Program

- **STEAM - Science Technology Engineering Art Math**
- Program started last year as a voluntary recess “alternative” for 4th grade students
- Focus on student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking
- Supporting students to become learners who take risks, engage in experiential learning, develop persistence when problem solving, and embrace collaboration
- 2-3 week sessions - 25 minutes/day
- Approximately 75/110 students in grade 4 participated at some point
- Small group - 12-15 students
- This year the program has been expanded to include 5th grade students as well
- Topics Include:
 - Anaglyph Technology
 - Electrical Circuits
 - OZO BOTS - coding
 - Architecture
 - Stop Motion Video
 - Painting with light
 - Faux Fossils
 - Digital Art
 - Kaleidoscopes
 - Pendulum Painting
 - Claymation
 - Creating Short Videos
- Discussions are ongoing regarding ways in which the program might be expanded, and the feasibility of it being embedded within the school day

Other Discussion Items

- The committee discussed NYSED initiatives related to guidance and mental health and the district’s preparedness