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:
  o Anaglyph Technology  Faux Fossils
  o Electrical Circuits  Digital Art
  o OZO BOTS - coding  Kaleidoscopes
  o Architecture  Pendulum Painting
  o Stop Motion Video  Claymation
  o Painting with light  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