

Curriculum and Instruction Committee
September 25, 2019

Attendance:

Shannon Johnson	BOE Member
Shannon Stringer	BOE Member
Lisa Brady	Superintendent
Doug Berry	Asst. Superintendent

Discussion Items:

PYP Study Committee Update

History

- In January of 2019 a representative body made up of members of various stakeholder groups was formed. This group included teachers, administrators and parents
- The PYP Study Committee was charged with the task of engaging in a study of The IB Primary Years Program to evaluate the feasibility of implementation at Springhurst and the impact such implementation would have on the instructional program.
- When ready the PYP Study Committee will share their findings with the Board of Education

Actions To Date

- Reviewed history of IB Program (DP and MYP) in Dobbs Ferry
- Performed crosswalk exercise between DF mission/vision and IB mission statement
- Overview presentations on DP and MYP programs from respective coordinators (Marion Halberg and Jen Hickey)
- Discussed grade 5 to grade 6 transition issues

- Participated in full day workshop with IB consultant (Lou Marchesano)
- Explored IB profile attributes and considered
- Reviewed various IB resources
- Performed Springhurst building walk to identify environmental consistencies and gaps
- Participated in site visits to see PYP programs in action
- Identified connections between PYP and Springhurst with regard to philosophy, beliefs, and culture

Where We Are Today

- The committee does not feel it as at a decision point yet - still at a very preliminary stage
- Questions remain:
 - What problem are we trying to solve?
 - Are there things we can do to be more closely aligned with IB at the MS/HS that would suffice?
 - What impact would transitioning to PYP have on existing initiatives and changes in progress
 - Is the timing right?
- Next steps
 - Work with Springhurst teacher leaders to develop strategies for infusing the IB learner profile into Springhurst classrooms
 - Continue ongoing work to support grade 5 to 6 transition to MYP
 - Skype call with consultant to assist in providing additional clarification in response to specific lingering questions and concerns, and transition