

**Curriculum and Instruction Meeting
February 16, 2022**

Minutes

Attendance:

Shannon Stringer	BOE Member
Brooke Bass	BOE Member
Lisa Brady	Superintendent
Darrell Stinchcomb	Assistant Superintendent

1. Incoming Springhurst Kindergarten Support Meeting

A meeting was held on 2-15-22 in attendance: Dr. Stinchcomb, Dr. Drake, J. Rosen, A. Klebanoff, M. Yang-Kaczmarek to discuss support to provide for incoming kindergarten students.

Dr. Drake is going to work with the kindergarten team and support staff to conduct kindergarten orientation. They will continue to develop plans to assist the incoming kindergarten students. Dr. Stinchcomb offered to support Dr. Drake with any additional support needed.

2. Kindergarten Start Date Meeting 2-8-22

A meeting was held on 2-8-22 in attendance: Dr. Brady, Dr. Drake, Dr. Stinchcomb, L. Platt, B. Bayer, L. Flanagan, J. Gismervik, S. Aronowitz, H. Malbin, K. LaPorte

The topic of the meeting was to discuss changing the entry date cutoff for kindergarten students. Dr. Brady planned to discuss the legal aspect of moving the entry date with the district attorneys. Dr. Brady gave some historical background information on moving the kindergarten start date from December 1st to December 31st.

The group discussed the development of children as the impetus for changing the start date. The four year olds are oftentimes too immature and struggle academically in the later years. Dr. Brady suggested conducting workshops with parents to discuss what the challenges are when deciding kindergarten start date. Dr. Brady discussed that it is important to begin the conversation in regards to changing the kindergarten start date. The committee discussed the NY goal of Pre-K for all and the money that was allocated. The money can't be used to pay for tuition. Historically in Dobbs all of the students attend preschool with help from funding from SPRING and the local Pre-K programs absorb the costs. L. Platt and B. Bayer are signaling that there are quite a few children who are not attending preschool and the students in their centers are presenting with low life skill experiences.

3. Assistant Principal-Springhurst

Dr. Stinchcomb assisted with the screenings and served as a member of the interview committee. The committee interviewed 13 candidates over a two day period. The candidates were narrowed down to four, who were then chosen to visit Springhurst. Dr. Drake selected two candidates to meet with Dr. Brady. A final candidate was selected and will begin on March 14th. Dr. Brady and Dr. Stinchcomb commented on the selected candidates' credentials and were pleased with the selection.

4. Professional Development

The teachers continue to take advantage of professional development opportunities offered by BOCES and the Teacher Center. The topics of the PD are DEI, ELA, math and SEL related topics. The teachers are participating in these offerings both during school and on their own personal time. Dr. Stinchcomb discussed recruiting more teachers and staff to conduct workshops and training to continue using in-house personnel. Dr. Brady and Dr. Stinchcomb discussed the benefits of collaboration and highlighting the work of teachers and staff when utilizing our own people to provide professional development. We discussed how it would be beneficial to take a look at professional development participation during the pandemic.