



Board of Education Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity Committee

January 14, 2025

Minutes

Time 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: P. Sullivan-Nunes, P. Nagarajan, B. Bass (ex-officio), J. Falino, K. Evans, T. Brown, G. Bastone, D. Stinchcomb, J. Rosen, K. Slentz

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. Proposed new courses for 2025-26

- i. AP Psychology

J. Falino and K. Evans presented a proposal for the addition of a new course and provided background on how the course would enhance the high school program. J. Falino provided a brief history of the evolution of the IB program at the high school, previously added courses, and why AP Psychology was selected for the 2025-26 school year.

- b. Social-Emotional Learning program plans at Springhurst

T. Brown and G. Bastone updated the committee on the committee and the process they are using to review two SEL programs for adoption and implementation in the 2025-26 school year. G. Bastone reviewed a comparison of the two programs and T. Brown discussed the next steps in the vetting process. Committee members shared concerns regarding implementation fatigue by the Springhurst teachers given the implementation of Illustrative Math and Bookworms and asked the administration to closely monitor this. T. Brown and G. Bastone will return to a future meeting to share the program they selected.

- c. K-8 Curriculum Implementation presentation preview

D. Stinchcomb and J. Rosen updated the committee on the progress of the Illustrative Math Program and recent classroom visits that they and P. Mussolini made to see instruction in the program. D. Stinchcomb and T. Brown discussed the implementation of Bookworms in the K-5 grades and the supports and adjustments that have been made as the faculty and staff continue to learn about the program and its various components. The committee discussed concerns they heard and how the administration might address these concerns. K. Slentz noted that Dr. Sharon Walpole would be on campus for two days this month and a portion of her visit would be spent with parents discussing their concerns and what they can expect moving

forward. This information will be shared with the full board in the January 21 presentation.

- d. 2025-26 schedules and communications update

K. Slentz updated the board on the status of the middle and high school schedule development for the 2025-26 school year. K. Slentz is meeting with the middle school student government to discuss the changes and gather feedback.

3. Action Steps:

4. Next Meeting Date

Committee

- a. February 11, 2025

5. Adjourn

Committee

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.