

BOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday March 18, 2021

4:30-5:30 p.m.

*meeting held virtually

Members present: Dr. David Ross, Dr. Jeffrey Townsend, Dr. Budd, Analisa Sherman, Lynn Piasyck, Daniel Cowan, Joyce Shavers, Kim Franklin, Mary Vicitorio, Ruchi Jain

Meeting called to order by Dr. David Ross at 4:31 p.m. (Dr. Ross was sitting in as Chair in the absence of Dr. Michael Strambler)

Superintendent's Report: Addressing Learning Loss in Students

- Presented by Analisa Sherman, BRS Principal and Dr. Budd, BRS Superintendent
- PowerPoint presentation was provided to BOE committee members
- Learning loss during COVID-19 pandemic-group and individual analysis of student learning loss was provided
- Student attendance has varied this school year
- Data analyzed included Teacher's College Reading assessments and STAR Reading
- Sample TC data was shared for the fall of 2019, winter 2020, fall 2020, and winter 2021, this ample included a grade one cohort of students
- Data for all grades K-6 was shared
- Data showed K-3 students-highlighted where the students were in 2020/21 with below, at/above grade level
- Grades 4-6 students 2020/21 below, at/above grade level-learning loss pointed out from last year to this year
- Initial conclusions-discussed grades 3-5, grade 1 concerns
- STAR Reading-grades 2-5-data from 1/2020, 1/2021
- Data showed grade 4 students were below in the % hitting the 50% mark, seeing trends at specific grade levels
- Lexia-one data point
- Grade 4 and 5 students have not made a lot of progress, some learning loss was noted
- Math-STAR Math and Symphony Math data was discussed
- Planning for summer-literacy/reading with grades 1, 4, and 5
- Math with grades 2, 3, and 4
- These grades will be targeted for learning loss and usual summer slide
- Targets will include very specific programming being offered to all students
- Summer programming will not be mandatory and will be an extension of the school year

- Students will be instructed in small groups or individually by certified teachers
- Fall of 2021 we will continue to look at data to target learning loss and cross over to SRBI intervention
- Dr. Budd to develop a needs assessment by April 1st
- Admin to develop guides for families
- Grade 6 programming for July 1st would go to Amity Region 5 school district

Technology to Support Learning

- Presented by James Crawford
- ISTE Standards for Students-brief overview of these, adopted by the CSDE 2018
- Lessons structured to achieve these goals
- ISTE Standards for Teachers-adopted by CSDE 208
- Beecher Road School technology opportunities for teachers have included the following: Smart Boards, document cameras, laptops, iPads, iPods and VR Goggles
- March 19th Professional Development Day for teachers will include: ISTE Standards, a celebration of new learning over the past year, personal and professional growth
- There will be move forward to active, deep learning, teachers to walk away with new learning that they can implement right away
- Survey to be completed-teachers to participate in and share out with PDEC for planning moving forward

Public Comment

Motion to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. by Lynn Piasyck, seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Townsend

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Merrill