

Board Special Meeting
Curriculum & Instruction Policy Committee
August 18, 2020
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. **This meeting was called to order at 4:33pm. Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, and Hampson participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.**

This meeting was staffed by Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker, College and Career Readiness Executive Director Dr. Caleb Perkins, Chief General Counsel Greg Narver, Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction Executive Director Cashel Toner, Executive Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer Maria Gonzales-Millsap, Director of Policy and Board Relations Ellie Wilson-Jones, Communications Specialist Braxton Kellogg, Emergency Management Specialist Benjamin Coulter, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives Erinn Bennett, Executive Director Coordinated School Health Pat Sander, Digital Learning Manager Rafael Gallardo, Native American Education Program Manager Gail Morris, Literacy and Social Studies Program Manager Kathleen Vasquez, Visual and Performing Arts Program Manager Gail Sehlhorst, Counselor on Special Assignment Krista Rillo, Library Instructional Materials Program Services Manager Darcy Brixey, and Continuous Improvement Program Manager Antoinette Harrison.

Director Rankin noted that the meeting was being held remotely consistent with the Governor's proclamations prohibiting the meeting from being held in person due to COVID-19. Director Rankin noted that the public had been provided remote access through Microsoft Teams and teleconference.

b. **Approval of agenda**

Director Rankin made a motion to add a general discussion item, Social Studies under Special Attention Items, 3f. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, and Rankin voted yes).

Director Rivera-Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended. Director Hersey seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, and Rankin voted yes).

c. **Approval of meeting minutes**

Director Hersey moved to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously. (Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, Rankin voted yes).

2. Board Action Reports (Discussion and/or Action)

- a. **Approval of contract to support the Open Doors Youth Reengagement Program for the 2020-21 school year**

Director Hersey made a motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, and Rankin voted yes).

Dr. Perkins provided background, and Directors and staff discussed the proposed contract between Seattle Public Schools and Seattle Central College in support of the Open Doors Youth Reengagement Program.

Director Rivera-Smith requested the number of students of Color served in the program. She also requested the national average number of enrollment in the program. Dr. Perkins will provide the information.

3. **Special Attention Items**

a. **Music Program Report**

Ms. Sehlhorst provided an overview of the music programs at all grade levels, the Arts goals in elementary programs, and racial equity issues in secondary programs. Directors and Ms. Sehlhorst discussed a look back and current issues affecting the Arts program.

Director Rankin requested an offline conversation about the Arts and how COVID has impacted the program. Director Rivera-Smith requested the link to the high school performance video in a Friday Memo. Director Rivera-Smith requested a demographic breakdown of all the visual arts and music teachers. Director Rivera-Smith asked for information on the funding source of the Artist-in-residence program at Laurelhurst.

b. **Annual Assessment Report**

Ms. Roach presented the Annual Assessment Report and background. Directors and staff discussed the Annual Report. Ms. Roach will provide the assessment calendar to the Board that was not included in the Report.

Directors expressed concerns around the administering of assessments in a remote setting. Directors expressed the need for further discussion around the MAP assessment and the contract the Board recently approved. Dr. DeBacker and Ms. Roach will work with the Board for further discussion around the MAP assessment.

c. **Naviance Contract Update**

Dr. Perkins and Ms. Rillo provided a report of the upcoming Board Action Report for a renewal of the Naviance contract. Directors, Dr. Perkins and Ms. Rillo discussed concerns shared by Directors around the opt-out choice and digital literacy.

d. **Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words (SIPPS)**

Ms. Toner provided a background of SIPPS. Directors and Ms. Toner discussed the current status of SIPPS in the schools.

Director Rivera-Smith asked for the reason Bagley Elementary had opted out of using SIPPS. Ms. Toner will inquire.

e. **Board Policy No. 3246, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Use of Physical Intervention**

Dr. Pedroza provided an update regarding the policy and procedures for the 2020-21 school year. Directors and Dr. Pedroza discussed concerns around the current policy.

Dr. Pedroza will convene a work group and collaborate with the Board for further discussion and next steps. Dr. Pedroza will regularly update the Committee on the work.

Director Hersey requested to move the discussion of the Work Plan since he will be leaving at 6:30.

f. Social Studies

Director Rankin explained that this item was requested to come before the Committee to discuss Social Studies as a whole. Director Hampson provided background of the request to include robust conversations to redefine Social Studies to a broader perspective that would be inclusive of Since Time Immemorial, Ethnic Studies, and Black Studies. Discussion ensued with Directors and staff around the area of study that are represented of the full spectrum in the community.

4. Standing Agenda Items

a. Ethnic Studies

Dr. DeBacker, Dr. Scarlett, and Ms. Al-ansi provided an update of the item. Directors and staff discussed a look forward of Ethnic Studies, Black Studies, and Social Studies.

Director Rankin will discuss with Director DeWolf on possibly scheduling a Work Session for a more robust discussion on Ethnic Studies, Black Studies, and Social Studies.

b. Since Time Immemorial

Ms. Morris reported on a look back and next steps for STI. Ms. Morris will provide additional information in the upcoming Friday Memo.

Director Hersey left the meeting at about 6:30 p.m.

c. Science Instructional Materials

Ms. Toner provided an update of the item. There was no further discussion on this item.

d. Strategic Plan Goal 3: 3rd Grade Reading Level

Ms. Toner provided an update of the item. There was no further discussion on this item.

e. C&I Policy Committee Work Plan

This item was not discussed.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Minutes submitted by:

The Office of Chief Academics Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker