

Board Special Meeting  
Student Services, Curriculum & Instruction Committee  
October 13, 2020  
*Meeting held remotely*



Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. **This meeting was called to order at 4:31pm. Directors Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and Hampson participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director Hampson was present in Director Hersey's absence.**

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, Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza, Senior Legal Counsel Ronald Boy, Advanced Learning Program Manager Deenie Berry, Senior Research Associate Dr. Jessica Beaver, Director of Research and Evaluation Dr. Eric Anderson, Student Support Services Supervisor Erin Romanuk, Director of Early Learning Heather Brown, and Director of School Operations Sara Mirabueno.

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

c. **Approval of meeting minutes**

Director Rivera-Smith moved to approve the September 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Director Hampson seconded. This motion passed. (Directors Rivera-Smith and Rankin voted yes. Director Hampson abstained). Director Hampson abstained as she was not present at the September 15, 2020 meeting.

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

a. **Approval of the 2020-21 District Educational Research & Program Evaluation Plan**

Dr. Anderson presented and provided background on the 2020-21 District Educational Research Program Evaluation Plan. Discussion between Directors and Dr. Anderson ensued around community engagement, the design and process of the climate surveys, and the pulse survey to families, students, and staff, where questions were asked and answered. The Directors agreed that a more robust community engagement plan is needed to the broader community.

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

**3. Special Attention Items**

**a. Dyslexia**

Ms. Toner presented an update on the dyslexia literacy screening implementation for the 2020-21 school year. Discussion occurred between Directors and Ms. Toner where questions were asked and answered.

Director Rankin requested further conversation offline on how screeners are determined and the need for more community engagement.

Director Rivera-Smith asked if Seattle Public Schools had representatives on the committee at the state level. Ms. Toner will inquire.

**b. Superintendent Procedure 3231SP, Student Records**

Mr. Boy provided an update on the recent changes to the Superintendent Procedure 3231SP, Student Records around gender identification options as instigated by a resolution passed by the Board in June. Discussion occurred between Directors and Mr. Boy where questions were asked and answered.

Director Rivera-Smith asked if there was a way on Teams to show students preferred names. Mr. Boy will investigate and have a conversation with DoTS. He will provide an update via Friday Memo.

**c. Advanced Learning Update**

Dr. Pedroza presented an update on the work of the Advanced Learning department. She identified the focus of their work in October, highlighting identification of students eligible for Highly Capable (HC) and Advanced Learning (AL) during remote learning. No questions were asked.

**d. Board Policy 3246, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Physical Intervention**

Dr. Pedroza provided an update on the status of the policy. Directors and staff discussed restorative practices as an approach in moving towards avoiding restraint and other uses of physical intervention. Questions were asked and answered. Budget implication of the work towards restorative justice was highlighted by a Director.

**e. Outdoor/Community Education Pilots**

Dr. DeBacker provided an update on the outdoor/community education pilots. Directors and staff discussed the proposals for outdoor/community education pilots and the submission process which is being led by Ms. Toner. Questions were asked and answered. Dr. DeBacker shared the work of the re-entry committee that convenes twice a week to review and discuss the submissions.

**f. Student Online Accounts for Spanish**

Dr. Perkins presented an update to the Friday Board Memo he provided on September 18 regarding the plan and purchase of Spanish Senderos student online access. Directors and Dr. Perkins discussed the purchase and distribution of the online accounts and the plans for schools without online accounts. Questions were asked and answered. It was determined that further discussion on a possible long-term adoption needs to occur.

#### **4. Standing Agenda Items**

##### **a. Since Time Immemorial**

Ms. Morris presented an update on Since Time Immemorial, sharing the outcomes of the September Tri Days and professional development training for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. No discussion occurred.

##### **b. Science Instructional Materials**

Ms. Toner provided an update on the Science Instructional Materials. She highlighted that secondary science educators were provided a robust professional development schedule. Ms. Toner shared that the science department is providing support for elementary educators with pacing guides and links to digital resources. Directors and Ms. Toner discussed accessibility for visually impaired and blind students in remote setting, where questions were asked and answered.

##### **c. Strategic Plan Goal 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Level**

Ms. Toner shared an update on Early Literacy. Ms. Toner described her team's plans for the coming year in an online learning environment. No discussion occurred.

##### **d. C&I Policy Committee Work Plan**

Directors and staff discussed the work plan and adjustments that have occurred since last month's meeting. No questions were asked.

#### **5. Board Policies and Procedures**

##### **a. Quarterly Report: Board Policy No. 2200, Equitable Access to Programs and Services**

Ms. Mirabueno reported on program and service changes. The annual report will be presented to the committee in January 2021. No discussion occurred.

#### **Adjourn**

This meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

#### **Minutes submitted by:**

*The Office of Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker*