

Board Special Meeting
Student Services, Curriculum, & Instruction Committee
June 8, 2021
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. **This meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Director Rankin. Directors DeWolf, Harris and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.**

This meeting was staffed by Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett, Interim Superintendent Dr. Brent Jones, College and Career Readiness Executive Director Dr. Caleb Perkins, 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 Legal Counsel Greg Narver, Director of Board Relations and Strategic Initiatives Julia Warth, Student Support Services Supervisor Erin Romanuk, Senior Legal Counsel Ronald Boy, Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza, Director of Early Learning Heather Brown, Director of Technology Nancy Petersen, Executive Director Department of Technology Carlos Del Valle, Director Information Systems & Business Intelligence Judie Jaeger, Director of DREA and Integrated Curriculum Manal Al-ansi, Director of Special Education Tarra Mitchell, Executive Director Coordinated School Health Pat Sander, Native American Education Program Manager Gail Morris, Health Education Specialist Trainer Christine Mattfeld, and Student Support Services Consulting Teacher Nikki York.

Director Rankin announced that the meeting was being recorded.

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 DeWolf moved to approve the agenda. Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

This motion passed unanimously (Directors Rivera-Smith, DeWolf, and Rankin voted yes).

c. **Approval of meeting minutes**

Director DeWolf moved to approve the May 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously. (Directors DeWolf, Rivera-Smith, and Rankin voted yes).

2. Board Action Reports

Director Harris joined the meeting at 4:48pm.

- a. **Approval of the 2021-22 Student Rights & Responsibilities**

Ms. Romanuk provided background of the Board Action Report to Approve the 2021-22 Student Rights & Responsibilities. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Romanuk where questions were asked and answered.

Director Rivera-Smith called attention to four sections of the SRR document where “his/her” are noted. Ms. Romanuk will make the corrections to replace the language.

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

b. Adoption of Board Policy No. 6902, Information Technology Planning

Mr. Del Valle and Ms. Petersen presented the adoption of the policy which provides the requirements for Information Technology to plan and prepare a Technology Implementation Plan for the district. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

Director DeWolf asked to enhance Technology Funding Analysis to include description of how the cost is connected to student benefits. Director Harris agreed with Director DeWolf’s request. She further asked how the benefits are measured. She asked if this is part of a long-range ITAC mission. Ms. Petersen replied that her team takes direction from the Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction team including Digital Specialists to guide their work in projecting costs of implementing plans. She will have further conversation with ITAC around these questions.

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

c. Acceptance of Federal Funding for Head Start Grant – Annual Renewal

Ms. Toner presented the Board Action Report asking the Committee to accept funding from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to operate Head Start services in Seattle Public Schools for 2021-22 school year. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner where questions were asked and answered.

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

d. Approval of 2021-22 Maxim Healthcare Services Contract, RFQ02758

Dr. Pedroza and Ms. Mitchell provided background of the contract. Ms. Mitchell explained that the contract will provide supports for students’ IEPs and evaluative service needs that have increased due to Covid-19. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

Director Harris suggested a pictograph of the different components for the website. She will connect with staff offline for further discussion. Director Harris also asked for enhanced compliance information in the Board Action Report under item #2, Purpose. Dr. Concie responded with a yes to the suggestion.

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

e. Approval of Agreements with SDOT and Cascade Bicycle Club to Fund and Provide the Let's Go and Let's Go Further Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education Programs

Ms. Toner presented the Board Action Report and provided background of the Let's Go Program. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner. No questions were asked.

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

3. Special Attention Items

a. Summer and Fall Learning Updates

Dr. Perkins provided updates on summer and fall learning and the pilot for virtual option. Ms. Toner provided an update on K-5 Math. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

Director Harris inquired about the numbers for virtual options and identifying a budget. She also asked if decisions on virtual options are approved by the Superintendent or by the School Board. Director Perkins will provide specific numbers at a later date. Superintendent Jones commented that there will be a budget line allocated for this purpose and that these considerations are within the Superintendent's purview and will update the Board as plans develop.

Director Rankin asked if there is an existing policy that needs to be reviewed and updated to address a hybrid instructional model. She noted a need to add remote policy to the work plan.

Ms. Toner provided an overview and background of K-5 mathematics materials. She outlined the short-term challenge and long-term solution. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner around waived materials and funding source. In addition to providing the Board with a chart illustrating which school sis in what cycle of waived materials, Ms. Toner will continue to provide the Board regular updates.

b. 2021-22 District Assessment Calendar

Dr. Perkins presented a draft of the 2021-22 District Assessment Calendar. Discussion ensued between Directors and Dr. Perkins. No questions were asked.

c. Board Policy No. 3246, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Physical Intervention

Dr. Pedroza provided an update on the progress of Policy 3246. She highlighted the community forums that were held in May. Dr. Pedroza will bring back to the Committee for introduction a Board Action Report in August. Discussion ensued between Directors and Dr. Pedroza where questions were asked and answered.

4. Board Policies and Procedures

a. Board Policy No. 2200, Equitable Access Quarterly Report

Dr. Pedroza reported that there were no program changes from the previous quarter. No further discussion occurred, and no questions were asked.

5. Standing Agenda Items

a. Ethnic Studies

Ms. Al-ansi shared a timeline and work plan illustrating the progress of the Ethnic Studies program. She introduced Aleksandr Wray as the new Ethnic Studies Program Manager and Anita Koyier-Mwamba as the new Black Studies Program Manager. They start their new positions on July 1st. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

Director DeWolf asked staff to illustrate the work that has taken place since the approval of the School Board Resolution in 2017. Dr. Scarlett identified staff changes as one obstacle prior to her taking lead on the work that posed some challenges. She will do some research on the work of the former Ethnic Studies Program Manager, Ms. Castro-Gill. Mr. Wray noted that since the passing of the Resolution in 2017, three Ethnic Studies courses and Black studies were developed and approved. He also highlighted the number of professional development courses and summer institutes offered to teachers.

Looking ahead to the next school year, Ms. Al-ansi provided an overview of the four focus areas: expanding the Black Studies course to a year-long offering, developing and providing resources for middle school implementation, professional learning opportunities, and alignment with internal and external stakeholders.

b. Since Time Immemorial

Ms. Morris provided an update highlighting Native American Heritage Month and professional development courses provided to teachers. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Morris where questions were asked and answered.

Director Harris repeated her request for the position of Native American Education Program Manager to be elevated to a Director position. She specifically requested to have a conversation with Superintendent Jones to address this request. Superintendent Jones acknowledged Director Harris' comments.

c. Science Instructional Materials

Ms. Toner acknowledged and celebrated science teachers for their work during the last year. She also provided updates and highlighted a number of accomplishments. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner. No questions were asked.

d. Strategic Plan Goal 3: 3rd Grade Reading

Ms. Toner provided the Committee an update and highlighted progress of current initiatives. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner where questions were asked and answered.

e. SSC&I Committee Work Plan

The work plan was briefly discussed by Director Rankin and staff. Director Harris requested a short meeting in July as the August agenda is expected to be at capacity. In response, Director Rankin will have a conversation with Dr. Scarlett and Ms. Gonzales-Millsap to consider this possibility.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

The Office of Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett