

Board Special Meeting
Student Services, Curriculum, & Instruction Committee
May 11, 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, 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, Advanced Learning Program Manager Deenie Berry, Satterberg Literacy Initiative Supervisor Hong-Nhi Do, and Student Support Services Supervisor Erin Romanuk.

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 Harris asked for an update on Ethnic Studies. With no support from other Committee members, Director Harris withdrew the request.

Director Harris moved to approve the agenda. Director DeWolf seconded.

This motion passed unanimously (Directors Harris, DeWolf, and Rankin voted yes).

Director Harris requested an update on Ethnic Studies in a Friday Memo. Dr. Scarlett responded that she would provide as requested.

c. **Approval of meeting minutes**

Director Harris moved to approve the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Director DeWolf seconded. This motion passed unanimously. (Directors Harris, DeWolf, and Rankin voted yes).

2. Board Action Reports

a. **Approval of Satterberg Foundation Elementary Feeder School Grant**

Ms. Toner and Ms. Do provided a background of the Board Action Report that supports accepting \$950,000 from the Satterberg Foundation to target literacy acceleration at 10 Title I SE and SW elementary schools that feed into the Nesholm Aki, Denny, Mercer middle school pathways. Ms. Do explained that the grant is in its fourth full year of implementation in SPS and the BAR will fund for the fifth year of implementation in 2021-22. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff 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).

3. Special Attention Items

a. K-5 Mathematics

Ms. Toner presented an update on the current state of K-5 math. She reported that the 2015 adopted instructional materials Math in Focus, is in its final year of the 7-year adoption which started in the 2014-2015 school year. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

Directors Harris and DeWolf asked about the fiscal impact of the waivers. Director DeWolf asked for clarity around the CAI funding for waivers. Director Harris also cited concern over the fiscal impact to support professional development. Dr. Scarlett noted that the ESSER funding would help mitigate some of the fiscal implications.

Director Harris requested a list of the waivers. Ms. Toner noted that the waivers list was shared with the Board in November 2020 and will share again.

Director DeWolf expressed concern over equity issues around the high number of waivers.

Director Rankin commented on the need for more information on the menu of choices and different potential pathways.

b. 2021-22 Student Rights & Responsibilities

Ms. Romanuk provided an update of the 2021-22 Student Rights and Responsibilities with recent feedback from stakeholders. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Romanuk where questions were asked and answered. A Board Action Report will be presented to the Committee on June 8th.

Director DeWolf requested the final version in advance of the June SSC&I meeting without the redline.

Director Rankin asked how the Board can support students in giving them access to the document to use as a tool. Ms. Romanuk replied that it will be available through advisory lessons and welcomed other suggestions. Director DeWolf suggested adding the document to the Seattle Public Schools' phone app. Ms. Romanuk will investigate that possibility.

c. OSPI Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan

Dr. Perkins shared update on the OSPI Academic and Student Well Being Recovery Plan required by OSPI from all school districts in the state. Dr. Perkins summarized the goal of the plan which is to identify which students and student groups need additional academic and well-being supports, define how those supports will be provided, and develop a plan for acceleration of student learning and well-being over the summer and into the fall of the coming school year. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

Director Rankin requested 2x2 meetings between Directors and staff for a more in-depth conversation about the plan. Dr. Scarlett will work with staff to schedule the 2x2s.

Dr. Perkins provided a timeline of the process including when it will be presented to the Board for approval.

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

Dr. Pedroza provided an update on the review of the policy. She highlighted a data reporting discrepancy that the District is working with OSPI to remedy. The discrepancy caused data inputs regarding restraint and isolation that were reported by OSPI that is not reflective of District practices or the incidences that were reported or that occurred. Discussion ensued between the Directors and Dr. Pedroza where questions were asked and answered.

4. Board Policies and Procedures

a. Superintendent Procedure 2185SP, Physical Education Annual Review

Ms. Toner shared an annual review of Physical Education as required by the Washington State legislation. The purpose of the report is to gather data on how the District is meeting this requirement. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner where questions were asked and answered.

Director Harris commented that there should be avenues for all genders and explore dance when considering waivers.

Ms. Toner will provide additional information in a Friday Memo.

5. Standing Agenda Items

a. Special Education

Dr. Pedroza provided updates from the Special Education Department, highlighting community engagement and in-person services. Discussion ensued between Directors and Dr. Pedroza where questions were asked and answered.

b. Science Instructional Materials

Ms. Toner provided updates on science, highlighting the preparation for the final cohort of elementary schools who will join the Instructional Materials Adoption. She also highlighted the cross-departmental collaborations with the Special Education, English Learners, and Advanced Learning teams to develop Tier 2 and 3 strategies and resources. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner where questions were asked and answered.

c. Strategic Plan Goals 4 & 5: On Track Graduation and College and Career Ready

Dr. Perkins updated the Committee on the strategic goal work and the efforts to support students graduating in the Class of 2021. Discussion ensued between Directors and Dr. Perkins where questions were asked and answered.

Director Harris requested an update on Career and Technical Education (CTE) and alternative schools. Dr. Perkins replied that the CTE plan will be presented at SSC&I in August.

d. SSC&I Committee Work Plan

Director Rankin asked Directors for their feedback on the work plan. Director DeWolf asked if Policy 3246, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Physical Intervention is being presented as a BAR in June. Dr. Pedroza responded that she would address the timeline in a week.

Director Rankin asked to remove Science Instructional Materials as a standing agenda item beginning in September. The last update will be in June. Ms. Gonzales-Millsap will remove as requested.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

The Office of Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett