



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2022

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

Committee Members: Beth Fiore, Chair

Randall Peach (absent), Carolyn Podgorski, Thomas Wallace, Carol Hample (alternate)

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools

Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services

Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor

Sherry Krial, PD/Tech Supervisor

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Agenda

1. Start Strong Assessment Results - The committee discussed the Start Strong assessment results along with the Fall and Winter iReady Diagnostic Results. Dr. Brown and Mrs. Pauch presented the data along with enrichment/intervention strategies based on student needs. Overall the District has seen tremendous student growth from the Fall to Winter in the iReady data both in Language Arts and Math.
2. Curriculum Updates- the following areas are being updated in the below math curriculums to include new learning standards in Career Ready Practices; Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation; Life Literacies and Key Skills; and Computer Science.
 - a. Grade 6 honors Math
 - b. Grade 7 and Advanced 6th Math
 - c. Pre-Algebra
3. SEL Updates - Mr. Tumolo gave an update on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts in the district that came about through meetings with the Leadership Team and DEI Teacher Leaders. He shared a website with resources available to the district through the NJ Department of Education [DOE Resource Page](#). Mr. Tumolo also gave a report on the 8th grade Aavidum pilot program. Based on staff and student feedback, the program could use minor improvements, but overall was well received. Lastly, Dr. Hart reported that an Equity tab was added to the District website with more content to follow.
4. Teacher Academy - Mrs. Krial prepared the Spring Teacher Academy Catalog which offers over 20 sessions facilitated by District administrators, coaches, and teachers. It will run from Feb. 24th - May 20th. The catalog sessions are aligned to the strategic goals and offer various after-school learning options, including technology, book studies, ELA, math, SEL, and general instructional sessions. New this year, the District is piloting two webinar opportunities this spring to personalize the staff's professional development needs. Registration deadline for staff is February 18th.

5. Math Course Progression/Placement Criteria - tabled until next meeting
6. ELL Three-Year Plan - Mrs. Beegle is currently updating the District's English Language Learners plan which was due for updates last year but the deadline was extended to this year due to Covid. There are currently 33 students identified as English Language Learners in the District. The plan is due on February 28th to the State, this is a requirement for ESSA funding.
7. Preschool Special Education - tabled until next meeting
8. Board Goals: - tabled until next meeting
 - a. Goal 2: *To set budget parameters that effectively plan for enrollment growth, maintain the depth, breadth and quality of the educational and co-curricular program while remaining fiscally accountable to the community; Evaluating and assessing our redistricting plan to accommodate shifts in student population.* Outcomes discussed: Student achievement data, accelerate learning programs, and development of a Civics course along with other standards updates.
 - b. Goal 4: *To continue our integration of Social-Emotional Learning across the curriculum as well as providing equitable access to mental health supports for all students and staff as needed as we resume in person teaching and learning.* Outcomes: SEL Curriculum, Aavidum implementation,
 - c. Hunterdon Behavioral Health implementation.
9. Texts to approve: None to approve at this time.
10. Next Meeting: March 3rd @ 8:30am