



Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Curriculum Committee Minutes

August 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm

New London, CT

PRESENT: Dr. David Brailey, Liz Bumgardner, Melanie Paterson, Christina Schiano, Karen Rollins, Dr. Nicholas Spera
GUESTS: Denise Dunning, Tanya Collins, Bill Linski, Amy Geary

AGENDA

- 4:00 pm **1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** *Curriculum Chair Dr. Brailey*
- 4:02 pm **2. Review of Curriculum at ISAAC** *Dr. Spera*
- Dr. Spera presented the format and design of the curriculum. A sample unit was used to discuss each section. Dr. Spera explained that the Understanding by Design curriculum format is aligned with NEASC standards and ensures that the foundational element for accreditation is met. Dr. Spera also discussed the curriculum revision process which is completed organically in the PLC process throughout the school year. Only new or substantial changes to the written curriculum will need to be approved by the committee.
- 4:10 pm **3. Presentation, Review, and Recommendation of Courses** *D. Dunning & T. Collins*
- The following curriculum was presented to the committee by Principal Dunning and Associate Principal Collins.
- Jazz Band
 - Music Technology
 - Swing Choir
 - Concert Band
 - Advanced 3D Art
 - Into to Theater
 - Musical Theater
 - Language Academy
- Dr. Brailey suggested to add a reflection task and/or assessment after the performances for the music curricula. Director Paterson suggested that the Enduring Understandings for Advanced 3D Art be revised and reworded to align with the rest of the curricula presented today. Principal Dunning said she would make the changes before submitting to the Board for review.
- Dr. Brailey made a motion to recommend the presented curricula for approval to the Board of Directors. Second: Paterson. Discussion: Dr. Brailey commented on the impressiveness of the written curriculum. The quality, depth, and alignment to research best practices is a kudo to Dr. Spera and his expertise that he has brought to ISAAC.; Yea: All; Nay: None
- 4:45 pm **4. Subcommittee Training** *Shipman and Goodwin*
- Attorney Dori Antonetti provided subcommittee training to the Curriculum Committee. The training included all aspects of subcommittee work, laws, and best practices. Specific new statutes that impact education and curricula were presented to the group.
- 5:30 pm **5. ADJOURNMENT** *Curriculum Chair Dr. Brailey*