



Authentic Learning/Curriculum Committee Meeting

Pelham Public Schools

Hutchinson Elementary School - PD Center

Thursday, May 18, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The mission of the Authentic Learning/Curriculum Committee is to explore, study and implement the action steps of this goal area in the District's Strategic Plan. Specifically, the committee will be looking at ways to advance relevant and authentic experiences for all students, and exploring how the District's use of time and space can better support these efforts.

Committee Members: Jessica DeDomenico (Board Committee Chair), Ian Rowe (BOE Vice President), Jackie DeAngelis (BOE Trustee), Dr. Alice Bowman (Assistant Supt. for T&L), Traci Holtz (Assistant Supt. for PPS), Maria Thompson (Director of Humanities), Tom Callahan (Director of Math and Science), John Sebalos (Director of Technology), Mark Berkowitz (HS Principal), Trisha Fitzgerald (Hutchinson Elementary Principal), Jessyka Calzolaio (Community Member), Amy Sparano (Community Member), Leah Tahbaz (Community Member), Annie Balestra (Community Member), Peter Liaskos (Community Member)

1) Review and approve [minutes from February 16, 2023](#) meeting

2) **New York State Seal of Civic Readiness:** Dr. Thompson shared with the committee the district's progress with regard to Pelham's plans for applying for and offering students the opportunity to achieve the New York State Seal of Civic Readiness. The categories for earning the required six points were explored, as were the means through which points are earned. Additionally, the plan to begin in the 2023-2024 school year by offering the Seal to our rising seniors who will be enrolled in AP Government was shared. Questions of civic mindedness and the nature of student assignments were discussed as well. Concerns were raised that it be reflected in a politically neutral way.

3) Remaining Meeting Date

o June 13, 2023