



**November 16**

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## **REPORT OF THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

The Student Achievement Committee (SAC) met on Friday, November 6, 2020, at 2:00 PM via the Blue Jeans Video Conferencing Tool.

### **VIRTUAL ATTENDEES**

#### **Student Achievement Committee Members**

Chairperson Pamela Bowers, Mike Moroski, Ryan Messer

#### **Administration/Staff**

Tianay Amat, Deputy Superintendent; Emily Campbell, Director, Curriculum and Instruction; Justin Leach, Director, Test Administration; Shauna Murphy, Assistant Superintendent; Isidore Rudnick, Fine Arts Curriculum Manager

### **Curriculum – Fine Arts and Extra-Curricular**

Dr. Rudnick, Fine Arts Curriculum Manager, updated the Committee on work that has been done in the Fine Arts area. His report was centered around the District's following goals and measures that are contained in the District's Strategic Plan.

**Student-Centered Decision Making** — We put students first. We will ensure students are at the center of all decision making to create equitable educational opportunities and unmatched experiences that deliver results.

**MEASURE 1.B:** Eliminate District and school-level policies, programs, operations, and practices that are not integrated with the principles of equity and inclusion

**MEASURE 1.C:** Decrease racial disparities in discipline rates, economic advantages, Students with Disabilities identification, Advanced Placement, gifted and enrichment services, athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities

Dr. Rudnick's report included updates about the following areas:

- CPS' Jazz Academy
- Visual Art (District Art Kits provided as resources)
  - Art of Education Digital Resources for all CPS Art Teachers
- Music
  - Digital Music Resources for Students and Teachers
  - The Suzuki Program
  - CPS Jazz Academy
- Cross-Curricular
  - Math Infused Art at Ethel M. Taylor Academy
- "CPS Masks On For Me" Initiative

Dr. Rudnick reported that due to budget constraints this year, the Elementary After-School Arts Programming offered last year at 11 elementary schools is not offered this year due to the reduction of our Activities Beyond the Classroom Arts Contract. This provided after-school programming in dance, drama, art and music at high need elementary schools.

Committee member Messer recommended prioritizing that CPS establish its own Arts Foundation/Fundraising to keep the Arts going in the District. He also recommended soliciting financial contributions from those in the community who have made the Arts organizations in Cincinnati what they are today.

Committee members Bowers and Moroski agreed with Mr. Messer's above suggestion.

Chairperson Bowers inquired about cross-curriculum efforts at Ethel Taylor School. Dr. Rudnick referenced the low math scores at the school, emphasizing the research behind how Art infuses Math improvement.

A copy of the full presentation is available upon request and in the Board office.

### **Other Business**

#### **Marquee at Cheviot School**

Committee Chairperson Bowers inquired as to why Cheviot School does not have a name on its marquee.

Assistant Superintendent Amat reported that she will work with Facilities for the name on the marquee and talk with Krista Boyle, Chief Strategic Communication Engagement Officer, about branding all schools within the District.

#### **Request to Name Field at Stargel Stadium**

The Committee discussed community member Kelly Rozell's request to name the field at Stargel Stadium after her father, Ulysses Rozell.

Ms. Rozell feels this request would be appropriate due to the following information about Mr. Rozell that she provided to the Board via an email on October 27, 2020:

- CPS employee for 35 years;
- U.S. Army Veteran;
- Teacher, coach and athletic director at Taft;
- Very active in the West End during his tenure at Taft and several years after;
- After he retired and while his daughter worked at Taft (as a teacher, assistant principal, and interim principal) he mentored athletic directors and was an avid supporter of the athletic programs;
- Worked closely with Jack Cassidy (Cincinnati Bell) Downtown Go Around – Annual Track Invitational for several years; and
- Worked as play-by-play announcer at Stargel for several years.

The Committee discussed the request and will also discuss it with the full Board.

The Committee will also recommend during the full Board discussion that the Board President send Ms. Rozell a letter on behalf of the Board, with the status of her request.

**Hearing the Public**

Sallie Grimes of Activities Beyond the Classroom stated that she was happy about the Fine Arts presentation and that ABC is just as eager as CPS is in getting the after school arts program up and running.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.

**Student Achievement Committee**

Pamela Bowers, Chair

Ryan Messer

Mike Moroski

**Staff Liaisons**

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent, *absent*

Tianay Amat, Deputy Superintendent

Shauna Murphy, Assistant Superintendent