



**Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Curriculum Committee**

Juen 7, 2024 at 11:00 am

New London, CT

MINUTES

Present: Dr. Brailey, Dr. Spera, W. Linski, T. Collins, T. Regan

11:08 am **1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** *Curriculum Chair Dr. Brailey*

11:12 am **2. Review Plans for 4th & 5th Grade Expansion** *Dr. Spera*

- Dr. Spera discussed the appointment Mercedes Alger as the Director of Elementary Education for the 4th and 5th grade expansion. The 4th grade will be added for the 2024-2025 school year based on the signing of the legislative bill by the Governor. Dr. Spera confirmed the seats with CSDE and the Charter Association.
- Dr. Spera discussed the plan for recruitment of staff and students and Preparation for 4th grade. Within 24 hours, the school has received 14 applications for 4th grade. Currently, ISAAC is promoting the 4th grade seats via its website, social media, and direct email to all ISAAC applicants.

11:30 am **3. Presentation and Review of SBAC Data** *T. Collins*

- Mrs. Collins presented historical increases in the SBAC and NGSS scores. The committee spoke about the irony that the state is requiring an action plan for academics even though the school is ranked in the top half of the state in the Accountability Index and scores in southeastern CT. Dr. Spera discussed the continuation of the Professional Development and the strategies listed within the Improvement Plan for the next several years. Dr. Brailey discussed that eventually, we will begin seeing more stable achievement numbers due to the school's success. The committee noted that scores may begin to dip and increase a few percentage points now that the school has achieved strong improvement and success.

12:05 pm **4. ADJOURNMENT** *Curriculum Chair Dr. Brailey*