



Curriculum and Instruction Committee Agenda

April 13, 2021

Start time: 5:30PM

1. Rubicon ATLAS presentation (Rubicon ATLAS representative & Dr. Friedman)

Mr. Graham Wilkens gave a presentation on our new Atlas Curriculum Repository.

Purpose of Atlas is not just to hold curricula but to also allow for robust conversations on curricula.

The target date for a public facing site? We are hoping in the next 2-3 weeks.

Does public facing need a password? It is up to the district

2. CHS Struggling Student Presentation (Dr. Friedman, Principal Sanchez and team) (overview needed)

Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Butler presented a PowerPoint about struggling students and the supports that are available for students. Presentation was shared with C&I Committee members.

Q. Why are our students absent and why is it mostly black and brown students?

A. We are finding that first periods of the day are difficult for our kids.

Q. Have we considered alternative ways to support students in attendance-schedule changes, look at overall schedule?

A. We have difficulty getting our students from some areas of the district to attend school because of weather. Open lunch has been very difficult. Also, 4 lates = an absence so many of our kids are getting absences because of chronic lateness.

Mr. Sanchez is considering all options for schedule changes.

Technology issues get reported in the attendance (students cannot be marked absent if there is a tech issue with a camera). We will also be looking at a tiered approach to attendance. This year we were able to use Title money to pay for mentors for our chronically absent students. They check in and out with them every day.

3. Access and Equity (Dr. Perez): update on Dr. Fergus' data collection at secondary level.

Dr. Fergus is continuing to gather data from us to make recommendations.

When will a report be available? We are thinking that it will be by the end of the school year, but Dr. Fergus might think differently.

Dr. Servens has been working closely with Dr. Fergus. Her sessions are directly connected to the recommendations in Dr. Fergus' report. She is focusing on what admin should look for when going into classes and how teachers should be questioning. We

are starting to address the gaps that teachers and admins have. Upcoming: Guidance as to how you are being a true instructional leader for your teachers. Dr. Severns wants to make sure that we are all focused on district goals and best practices. We are hoping that when we get back to school, we can run Instructional Rounds and walkthroughs.

We are currently working on I&RS teams. This was a recommendation from Dr. Fergus. We have already started this work with an I&RS task force.

4. Policies for 1st Reading

- **5519- Dating Violence at Schools** - No changes from last month and staff will be trained on this policy. Students will also be made aware of the policy. Will we consider starting this earlier - grades 7&8. We need to make sure that our staff and admin are trained in this policy.
- **5756- Transgender Students** - BOE Member Cuttle gave valuable input to update this policy. BOE member Cuttle - ask - ensure that redline policies are not being looked at.
- **5530 Substance Abuse- HOLD**
- **5533 Student Smoking** - No changes, but we do know it does include vaping
- **2362- Library/Media Center** - BOE Member will offer some suggestions

Policies for 2nd Reading

- **5350- Pupil Suicide Prevention (still undergoing revisions)- PULLED**

5. Special Services

- **Monthly Newsletter:** <https://www.smore.com/eqn6a>
- **DLM Update** - State is requiring DLM to take place this year. All DLM students are in person this year.
- **Cohort C Updates** - We added our I-Step students - MS in school therapeutic students. They came in 4 days a week.
- **ESY Update** - July 6th - Aug 16th. In person ESY this summer they are primarily cohort C students. Consent forms will go out this week. All postings have gone out.
- **PD Opportunities planned** - We are working on a PD calendar as a district, but we are looking for co teaching, Orton Gillingham and LLI PD.