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Curriculum and Instruction Committee
July 9, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Summer School

- Community Pass – First time using this platform. A few bumps in the road but overall successful. We will be able to use this platform for field trips, prom payments etc. in the future.
- Scholarships – We have given out 141 scholarships this summer
- Enrollment – (See attached); administration will pull/provide in August an enrollment comparison to prior years

CEP and STAR Renaissance

- SOA due September 2020 – CEP Presentation will be given at the July BOE meeting. Update will be given on all areas of non-compliance. The Committee made suggestions regarding data points that would be helpful for inclusion in the report – including SLAM lab participation and MAC scholars enrollment.
- The history as to why Star Renaissance was adopted was discussed but further discussion is moved to August; the committee can submit questions regarding Star Renaissance to Dr. Taylor and Ms. Bodnar.

Planning for 2020-2021 School Year

Task Force

- Updates – Main districtwide task force includes SLT member, Administrators and Teachers
 - Curriculum sub-committee consists of all supervisors, Dr. Carrick,
- MUJC – Curriculum Committee for Districts in the area. Dr. Alegria and Ms. Bodnar attended this meeting. Seems that most districts are also just beginning their task force meetings.
- State Requirements – State has released their *Road Back* guidance for school district. As of the date of the Committee meeting the deadline for plan submission is August 8; it is not yet clear whether a BOE vote or County Superintendent approval are required. Dr. Taylor is awaiting guidance from Trenton.

Curriculum Writing

- Professional Development – Dr Josue Falise delivered professional development virtually to over 75 curriculum writers. The focus was writing curriculum with an equity lens.
- Department Meetings – Department supervisors have met with their department writers to review the curriculum template and QSAC requirements.
- The Administration anticipates that there will be a large number of curricula for approval in August

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Perkins Grant

- Extension request has been filed – ~~Due~~ due to new requirements – Creating a stakeholder's team that includes college level colleagues. Team has been created and meetings are scheduled.

Policy

- 5519- Dating Violence at School – Tabled until August
- 5350 Pupil Suicide Response and Intervention – Tabled until August

- 5756 Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students – Tabled until August



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Curriculum Committee Special Services Updates- July 2020

1. Preschool Program Expansion Update Report

-The first round of acceptance letters went out 6/5/2020, and an update will go out this week (see below)

-Within the NJDOE Treasury report, we were warned preschool grant funding may remain at current levels, so as a response and out of an abundance of caution we have only sent out acceptance letters to families where we can guarantee spots (Montrose, Zadies, La Petite, and Applecore); the District expects word from the State in August regarding the status of additional PreK funding for 20/21; if funding is being provided the preK expansion will proceed.

- All students identified in the Seth Boyden zone have been offered spots

2. ESY Program

Have received positive feedback on the live instructional model from parents via email.

All students in ESY are receiving live instruction and paraprofessionals are also working with students virtually.

The ESY Program will be in session from July 1, 2020 – August 12, 2020 Monday through Friday

Program	Grades	Location	Time
ESY	PreK-12	Virtual	8:30am – 12:30pm

• * Videos:

- o <https://paautism.org/resource/wearing-mask-social-story/> (a short video perfect for introducing idea of wearing a mask)
- o [A video resource for YOU](#) on how to introduce this to your kids (this would NOT be shown to kids but may be good to be shared with families as well!)

• Social Stories about wearing Masks:

- o [Wearing a Mask](#)
- o [Printable Masks and Gloves Social Story](#)
- o [Covid Wiggit Stories \(one page is dedicated to wearing a mask\)](#)
- o ["We Wear Masks" a social story video](#) (if you share your screen please feel free to use this link, if sharing with students please change to a safe youtube link)
- o [Seeing Other People Wear Masks](#) (a social story)
- o [Wearing Masks to School](#) (a social story)
- o [Wearing a Face Mask](#) (child version)
- o [Wearing a Face Mask](#) (older child/adult version)

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3. MOA- The Penn State University

- Speech Therapist Interns beginning in the Fall. Joanne is reviewing the agreement prior to board approval.

4. Alternate- Curriculum

- Currently, there is not a specific curriculum for students who take the Alternate Assessment, we have a teacher piloting a program this ESY (N2Y) which is based on the Essential Elements evaluated in the DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps).
- We are also looking into a curriculum for social skills, executive functioning, and health. Healthy Relationships Curriculum focuses on relationship building and would provide access to the health curriculum that our students need. This would be taught during Adaptive PE (APE) and/or within the self-contained classrooms.
- To support these programs- would like to have an Autism Lead Teacher position (stipend funded)
- Administration will review Board policy and any Board approvals required for the piloting if N2Y and report back in August.

5. Policy Committee

July 23, 2020 BOE Meeting **Second** Reading/Approval

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| • 0110 Identification | (Exec Bd) |
| • 0120 Powers and Duties | (Exec Bd) |
| • 0131.1 District Goals | (Exec Bd) |
| • 0135 Information Regarding District Accomplishments | (Exec Bd) |
| • 0141 Board Member Number and Term | (Exec Bd) |
| • 1220 Employment of CSA (M) | (Exec Bd) |
| • 2411 Guidance Counseling | (Curr/Spe. Ed) |
| • 2412 Home Instruction Due to Health Condition (M) | (Curr/Spe Ed) |
| • 6111 State Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program | (Curr/Spe.Ed) |

July 23, 2020 BOE Meeting **First** Reading

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| • 2363 Pupils Use of Privately Owned Technology | (FFT) |
| • 2468 Independent Educational Evaluations | (Spe. Ed/Curr) |
| • 4212 Attendance (See 4211) | (Personnel) |
| • 4431.1 Family Leave (M) | (Personnel) |
| • 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students | (Personnel) |
| • 5120 Assignment of Students (M) | (Personnel) |
| • 5337 Service Animals | (Curr/Spe Ed) |
| • 8441.1 Use of Defibrillators | (FFT/Spe.Ed) |
| • 5300 Automated External Defibrillators (ADEs) | (FFT/Spe.Ed) |
| • 6423 Expenditures for Non-Employee Activities, meals and Refreshments | (FFT) |
| • 6450 Choice of Vendor | (FFT) |
| • 6470 Payment of Claims | (FFT) |
| • 6510 Payroll Authorization | (FFT) |
| • 5519- Dating Violence at School | (Curr) |
| • 5350 Pupil Suicide Response and Intervention | (Curr) |
| • 5756 Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students | (Curr) |

These three highlighted policies are not ready for first reading and administration will be working to get them ready for August.

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July 6, 2020

Dear SOMSD Pre-K Parents/Guardians:

We hope that you and your family are well. Thank you for your patience and understanding as the District finalizes plans for the 2020-2021 school year. In an effort to keep all lines of communication open with our families and community, please see below for an update of the District's Preschool Education program and registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

While the district is eager to move forward with the placement of more students from our lottery waitlist, we are currently still awaiting final budgetary decisions from the New Jersey Department of Education, in addition to updated guidance from the federal, state and local levels as a result of the impact of Covid-19. We remain hopeful that we will be able to place the more than 100+ students on our waitlist, and the Preschool Department will provide another placement update in late July.

We thank you for your patience during this unprecedented time. Please email us at prekregistration@somsd.k12.nj.us with any questions. Be safe and well.

Sincerely,

Melody Alegria, Ed.D

cc: Leroy Johnson III, Supervisor, Preschool Education Program

<https://www.somsd.k12.nj.us/district/preschool-program/>