



Curriculum and Instruction Committee
October 8, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Curriculum

Math Grade K - QSAC Revisions
Math Grade 1 - QSAC Revisions
Math Grade 4 - QSAC Revisions
Math Grade 5 - QSAC Revisions

Science Grade K - QSAC Revision
Science Grade 1 - QSAC Revisions
Science Grade 4 - QSAC Revisions
Science Grade 5 - QSAC Revisions

Dr. Friedman discussed his plans for how to structure and plan curricula revision cycle. He also began to discuss his plans to put the curricula on the website

Professional Development

October 13, 2020 - Teachers will choose up to 3 one hour Canvas PD sessions to attend. Supervisors and Canvas professional developer discusses teachers' needs and sessions were created based on those needs.

We are looking to structure PD in this in the future. We are also looking to offer PD throughout the day so that teachers can sign up if they find the topic interesting.

Star Renaissance

Administration Dates

- Columbia High School October 13th
 - Reading Grades 9-11
 - Math up to Algebra 1
- Middle Schools October 8th - 12th
 - Reading Grades 6-8
 - Math 6 – Algebra 1
- Elementary October 13th - 16th.
 - Grades 1&2 Early Literacy (includes some math questions)
 - Reading Grades 3 – 5
 - Math Grades 3 – 5

We will ask Keith to give us an update on how Canvas and PowerSchool talk to one another. It appears that the updates are not showing in PowerSchool for everyone. All student data will go to our data warehouse.

ReOpening Plans

Dr. Taylor shared the Preliminary Plans for our reopening was discussed with the Committee and feedback was given to Dr. Taylor by Committee members.

District Goal #3

Action Plan

QSAC

- Mandatory Trainings -We will use GCN again this year. A spreadsheet with due dates and trainings is ready to go to schools.
- Chart for Evidence for DPR is created (building and district). We will discuss this with Dr. Friedman to see if this is how we will proceed this year.
- Curricula Updates - The completion chart was given to BOE Committee members
- Dr. Friedman will give the Committee an update on what our plan for getting curricula ready for QSAC.

SLAM Lab

Update - In the virtual structure Teachers have office hours therefore students can meet with teachers directly. That's why I created the Teachable Tuesday workshops. Teachers, Interns, and community guests volunteer to run a workshop for students and parents every Tuesday. We had a great turnout for our essay writing and AP registration. This Tuesday's workshop was Social Media and Self Image. We usually offer two choices every Tuesday.

CIPs

190 CIPs were cleared up over the summer. There are still 397 students with CIPs from Spring 2020. Mr. Woolard and a team of teachers, counselors, and paras are assigned to these students to support them to clear their CIPs.

Graduation Data

There are 36 students who have not yet graduated yet (seniors 2019-2020). Dr. Taylor shared details about these students to give context to why they have not graduated.

Policy Updates

Policies: October 19, 2020, BOE Meeting **First Reading**

- Policy 2431.3- Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athletic Safety
- Policy 2431.8- Varsity Letters for Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities
- Policy 2435-NJSIAA Random Testing for Interscholastic Athletics
- Policy 5460-High School Graduation
- Policy 5430-Class Rank
- Policy 8330-Pupil Records
- Policy 5337- Service Animals

Updates on the following policy statuses:

- 5350 Pupil Suicide Prevention

- 5519 Dating Violence at School
- 575 Transgender and Gender nonconforming Students

Dr. Alegria and Board member Cuttle should have suggestions for revisions on the last 3 policies.

High School Graduation and Class Rank policies were sent to CHS for input.

Discussion:

- Can we find out what surrounding districts are doing with class rank?

Special Services

- 9 children currently attend in-person school. We have 3 teachers and 5 paraprofessionals assisting. Students are wearing masks and socially distancing themselves. Class is also being live-streamed for students at home.
- In-person evaluations have continued as well as in-person PT, OT, and limited speech services
- October monthly newsletter went out on Friday
- Home visits have been occurring with the social work interns to support family connections
- Family Webinar 10/12 for families of special needs students
- Specials Services will be working with building administration on 504 trainings and ensuring that parents are given an updated handbook.