

The Bermudian Springs CIRA Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the Administration Board Room.

Board Members Present: Jen Goldhahn, Ruth Griffie

Administration Present: Shannon Myers, Josh Korb

Absent Members: Chad Mowery

Parents: Dana Nelson and Matt Nelson.

Topics Discussed:

Cursive Update: Dr. Myers has been working with grade-level teams to discuss the pros and cons. All grade levels see the value of adding cursive to the curriculum. Some cons mentioned were that cursive hasn't been taught in years, and some teachers have never taught cursive and will need some education on how to teach it. Student materials, application, and accountability were also some other thoughts. Other concerns included instruction time with courses, juggling the band, vocal, and choir schedules, and effects on guided reading/writing.

Keyboarding: We talked about adding a keyboarding class to the 2025-26 school year course selection guide. The administration has been working to get iPad keyboards, which are already being considered. Some details to be ironed out are who will teach this course, when it will be offered, and how it will fit in with the schedule.

Homework Guidelines: Homework guidelines can be found on the district website under the curriculum tab. Currently, the guidelines are 0-1 hour of homework for the E.S., 0-3 hours for the middle school, and 7-10 hours for the H.S. Based on Policy 130, homework is a necessary part of a student's learning experience. Zero hours of homework does not reflect any work a teacher may recommend to be completed outside of the classroom. Per Policy 130, homework should develop individual initiative, self-discipline, and foster academic achievement. Homework can also be completed during study hall, enhancing a student's time management skills.

Community Advisors: We reviewed our selections for community advisors and will continue our conversation at the July 18th CIRA Committee meeting.

Spanish Update: Dr. Myers updated the committee about bringing Spanish 1 to the middle school as a full- or partial-year credit. For example, a student could take Spanish 1 during 8th grade if they don't take band or choir. Another option is for a student to earn the H.S. credit as a half credit in 7th grade and the second half of the credit in 8th grade. We cannot add Spanish 1 this year to the M.S., but we are looking at a possible introduction to Spanish and other options if a student doesn't take band or choir.

Math Support: We talked about adding math specialists to support students needing more time with math concepts the same way we have reading specialists. We also discussed the possibility of adding volunteers for math support.

Other Business: Added a meeting for July 18th so all members of the CIRA committee can be present to select Community Advisors.

Public Comment: None

Actions: No official actions were taken at the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:55

Next Meeting: July 18, 2024

Minutes taken and submitted by Jen Goldhahn