



Portland Public Schools

BOE Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

October 16, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Link: meet.google.com/gdp-page-gke

I. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Members in attendance: Kim Nagy-Maruschock, Angela Hammond, Laurel Steinhauser, and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Eric Martin

II. Committee Role/Responsibilities Review

Review of what curriculum is and what the role of the BOE's Curriculum Subcommittee is. Eric provided resources for committee members to review: [CABE - The Board's Involvement in Curriculum](#), [PPS Board Policy 6140 - Curriculum](#), [PPS Board Policy 6141 - The Curriculum Committee](#). Reviewed process for new course requests.

III. RULER Research Study Discussion

Reviewed a brief history of SEL curriculum, its implementation in the Portland school district, current SEL curriculum, and an overview of the presentation by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence from the September meeting.

IV. State Personnel Development Grant Update

Eric had presented in the spring about an opportunity to participate in the first cohort of a state grant opportunity providing professional learning opportunities for teachers in order to improve special education math instruction. The demand on teacher time outside of the classroom has been significantly higher than was originally communicated to us and has been too much for our small district to accommodate. As a result, Eric, Sarah, and teachers collectively made the decision that it is in the district's best interest to withdraw from participation. The district has parted ways on good terms and left open the possibility to participate in a future cohort once the grant experience has been hammered out. Sarah and Eric are working to source other professional development opportunities for our teachers to meet some of these identified needs (ex: writing stronger IEPs and discrete math instruction).

V. K-3 Literacy Update - Into Reading Program

Eric reported on the 6 week pilot of Into Reading that is wrapping up shortly. Eric sought input from the 18 participating staff members to reflect on the pilot and whether they supported moving forward with Into Reading for the remainder of the year ([HMH Into Reading Pilot - Staff Feedback Survey \(Snapshot\)](#)). 17/18 indicated yes. The cost to purchase necessary materials

to continue this pilot for the remainder of the year is \$19,000, which will be covered by state grant funding. The plan would be to fully implement Into Reading with Board approval for the 2025-26 school year.

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Steinhauser