



Committee Report

Committee Name: Program and Instruction

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	9/21/2021	5:00PM
Board Members		
A'Dorian Murray Thomas		
Asia J. Norton		
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Dr. Mary Ann Reilly		Dr. Maria Ortiz
Other District Staff		
Nicole T. Johnson		
Paula Perrone		
Joseph Cullen		
Guests		
Anzella K. Nelms		
Meeting Summary		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Chair Murray-Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.</p> <p>Dr. Reilly began with a review of the agenda.</p> <p>Re-Opening of Schools T and L Updates Resolutions Discussion led by Chair Murray Thomas</p> <p>At 5:07, Deputy Superintendent Johnson presented on the reopening of schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grades K,5,9 are in the process of receiving new chromebooks; 7500 new CB's have already been distributed to schools. ○ Over 40,000 devices are now in schools ○ 4000 devices are being replaced ○ 11,300 devices deployed since first day of school <p>Operations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">All schools now have new and improved desk shields and additional thermometers Despite Ida, all schools reopened on the first day ready to receive students</p> <p>Central Office staff participated in the Give Me 5 campaign and visited schools the first week. Staff assisted with ingress and supporting families. Good, positive feedback received from visiting staff. Deputy Johnson also reviewed the structure of the SLT presentations that will begin next month beginning with the North Ward School Leadership Team.</p>		

Deputy Superintendent Johnson responded to questions from Board members Asia Norton and A’Dorian Murray-Thomas regarding the support at schools and for new principals. Deputy Johnson explained that all new principals are matched with a Principal Coach; attend new principal meetings with their Assistant Superintendent; receive training on the evaluation tool; and support from their Assistant Superintendent and School Leadership Team.

BM Norton gave a shout out to schools regarding their increased social media presence. Deputy Johnson shared that part of the August PD included a presentation for school leaders in support of their branding and how to support their schools. She also shared that the Office of Communications is providing ongoing PD for schools to assist them in creating their webpages and social media school accounts.

Chair Murray Thomas asked about the temperature in the schools: Big Wins and Challenges?
Deputy Johnson:

Challenges: Only the third week of school; a lot of moving parts and a lot to do. Staffing is still ongoing. Students needing support with the return to school after 18 months (socialization).

Big Wins: PLC’s up and running in schools; school leaders focusing on instruction.

Kids are happy to be back in school.

The district did not skip a beat during last year. We continued to implement the strategies outlined in the Next Decade, we continued to implement what we said we would in our Principal Pipeline Plan, As a district we continued to push forward and she’s proud of that.

T and L updates:

At 5:50, Dr. Reilly reported on round tables, T and L Newsletter, and relationship between new schools and curriculum.

- The T and L newsletter is ready and will be distributed soon
- T and L roundtable will be Dec. 9 and April 28 from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
- Curriculum at the new school HS of Architecture and Design will be written this school year.

At 5:55, Dr. Reilly reviewed the resolutions for September:

12.2 [Approval of Essex County Community Course Syllabi for Dual Enrollment Courses for SY 21-22 and 22-23](#)

12.3 [Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Joseph Cornwall Center at Rutgers University and Newark Board of Education for 21st Century Project](#)

12.4 [Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between New Community Corporation and Newark Board of Education](#)

12.5 [Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Rutgers University-Newark and NBOE to facilitate a Dual Enrollment program](#)

- 12.6 MOU between Joseph Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies at Rutgers University-Newark and Newark Board of Education for the Promise Parent Leadership Academy
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- 12.7 Approval of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Math Applications, Discrete Mathematics, and Financial Algebra Curriculum
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- 12.8 Approval of General Music Grades 3-5 and Music Assemble Grades 6-8 Curricula
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- 12.9 Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth and Newark Board Of Education
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- 12.10 Approval of Research and Data Sharing Agreement with Newark Trust for Education
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- 12.11 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between the Joseph Cornwall Center at Rutgers Newark and the Newark Board of Education
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- 12.12 Memorandum of Understanding between Seton Hall University Upward Bound and the Newark Board of Education
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- 12.13 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement with College Board
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- 12.14 Approval of Grades 3-5 Integrated ELA and Social Studies Curricula
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- 12.15 Approval of Research and Data Sharing Agreement with US Census Bureau on behalf of National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)-Institute of Educational Sciences (IES),
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- 12.16 Memorandum of Understanding between New Jersey Institute of Technology-Center for Pre-College Programs and the Newark Board of Education
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- 12.17 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between Misa Hylton Fashion Academy and the Newark Board of Education
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- 12.18 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement with Montclair State University

12.19 MOU Between Community Food Bank and Newark Board of Education

12.20 Approval of Grades K-5 Mathematics Curricula

12.21 Future College Graduate Dual Enrollment Institute

At 6:15, there was Q and A from Board members Norton and Murray- Thomas for Dr. Ortiz, Assistant Superintendent High Schools

Dr. Ortiz described the many resources going to Malcolm X. Shabazz HS including Camelot, support from the City and the Offices of Student Life and Special Education. The City and police are also supporting the high school and the new administration is having a social media campaign to help with attendance. All New High School Principals are being supported by Freedom Inc, principal coaches and the Office of Teaching and Learning.

BM Norton commended the school on the presence on social media; positive image and controlling the narrative.

Chair Murray-Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.
