

Curriculum Committee Meeting

May 22, 2017

Attendees: Deirdre Burns, Deirdre d'Albertis, Laura Schulkind, Joe Phelan, Marvin Kreps

CDEP Document Review

The meeting was spent discussing the current iteration of the CDEP document ahead of the CDEP Committee meeting on Wednesday 5/24. Questions about the audience for this body of work and the purpose it will serve into the future were raised.

Who is the audience?

At it's most basic level, this is a document submitted to NYSED that demonstrates our commitment to collaborative work in developing plans to reach our educational goals. However, Rhinebeck's commitment to the CDEP process is made meaningful locally by bringing groups of stakeholders (teachers, non-instructional staff and administrators) together to develop a shared understanding of the district's goals for the future. Marvin described the document itself as a "technical/source" document and not a rhetorical piece for casual reading.

What will the document become?

Once approved by the BoE, this becomes the driver for all professional development in the District. It will determine the topics to be covered during Superintendent Conference days, summer curriculum work and study grants. In many ways, this document becomes the best way for the District's work to be prioritized. Though there are still questions around implementation strategies, those are all pieces to be developed in the coming CDEP meetings.

The committee was impressed with the level of specificity in the breakdown of goals and appreciative of the many hours the entire staff has put into development thus far. Being mindful of the potential for broader community interest in and access to this document, we recognize that, taken in pieces, it would be difficult to understand that every section of the CDEP plan refers back to our revised Mission, Vision, and Core Values statement. To the causal reader, this wouldn't necessarily be obvious.

The committee wondered if the CDEP team might consider the possibility of including a.) some type of acknowledgement for the depth of work undertaken, b.) organizational cues that might reference the goals of Student Achievement, Climate & Culture, and Collaboration, and c.) some sort of context for the State School Report Card perhaps in the form of Marvin's Annual Student Achievement Report? The committee's impressions will be taken to the CDEP team on Wednesday for their consideration.

Next Meeting: June 26, 2017

Ongoing Agenda Items:

- Next Gen Science Curricula Review
- MS Technology Curriculum
- CLS Math Curriculum
- K start age
- College & Careers Curriculum
- District Long Range Planning as it intersects with Curriculum

Respectfully Submitted: Laura Schulkind