

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met for a curriculum workshop on Monday, October 24, 2022, at O’Neill Middle School. The meeting was live streamed to the public on the District 58 YouTube channel.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and announced that it was a curriculum workshop of the District 58 Board of Education. Members present: President Darren Hughes; Vice President Gregory Harris; and Members Kirat Doshi, Steve Olczyk, and Tracy Weiner. Members absent: Melissa Ellis and Emily Hanus. Also in attendance were Kevin Russell, Superintendent; Jayne Yudzentis, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; James Eichmiller, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Learning; Jessica Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Sonali Patil, Manager of Business Services; Kevin Barto, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Megan Hewitt, Coordinator of Community Relations; and Melissa Jerves, Board Secretary.

2. CURRICULUM WORKSHOP

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Justin Sisul began the presentation with a review of year-end data provided by ECRA from the 2021-22 school year. He presented data by school, grade level and subgroup; the District summary report of data from both the MAP and IAR assessments shows that District 58 students demonstrated expected growth overall. Subgroups overall consistently demonstrated expected growth.

Each District 58 school has analyzed its student data for targeted areas of improvement, and has written measurable goals related to these areas as part of the school improvement process. School improvement plans are posted on each school’s website.

Along with Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Jessica Stewart and Curriculum Coordinators Christine Priester, Sandy Cristobal and Eleni Gajewski, Mr. Sisul provided updates on the following committees: English-Language Arts, Multi-Tiered Support Systems, Differentiation and Assessment, Gifted, Social Studies, Dual Language, Writing, Science, Math, Curriculum Council, District Equity Leadership Team, Professional Learning Council, Social-Emotional Learning Curricular Audit Committee, and Key Performance Indicator Working Group.

Mr. Sisul reported that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will publish the 2022 school report cards on October 27. The report card will also evaluate schools

on the Equity Journey Continuum, which shows schools' progress in closing gaps in student achievement, opportunities and supports. ISBE will resume its summative designations, which were paused during the pandemic. The District will share summative designations with parents on October 27, and informational forums will be held at individual schools in November. The Board will also have an opportunity to discuss report card data at its November 12 meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Phillip Bolton, Fairmount attendance area, asked about handwriting curriculum, how high achieving students are assessed, whether the District sets benchmarks related to neighboring districts, and how library books and other curricular materials are vetted. He also commented that a label other than "gifted" should be considered for high performing students to be more inclusive.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hughes announced the following dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 3:45 p.m.	Legislative Committee Meeting O'Neill Middle School
Friday, Nov. 11, 7 a.m.	Financial Advisory Committee Meeting O'Neill Middle School
Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting Village Hall

5. ADJOURNMENT

Member Harris moved and Member Weiner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Darren Hughes, President

Melissa Jerves, Secretary