

**Education Committee meeting**  
**October 11, 2012**

Members: S. Gellar, A. LaRosa, R. Simon, B. Burns

Also in attendance: K. Appollo, R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

- I. *APPR Update:* Mrs. Burns updated the committee on the status of the APPR. She and Mr. Simon conferenced with the state on September 27, and are in the process of revising the plan, which will then be resubmitted to the state for approval.
- II. *Curriculum Review:* Mrs. Appollo and Mrs. Burns spoke about the myriad professional development activities that have already been provided to teachers this year. Additionally, a variety of workshops are scheduled throughout the year to address the Common Core State Standards.
- III. *Miscellaneous:* Mrs. LaRosa expressed concern about the lack of curriculum guides for certain subject areas. Mrs. Burns spoke about the curriculum modules that are being made available by the SED from Expeditionary Learning and the Core Knowledge Foundation in ELA, and the Common Core in P-5 mathematics. Some of these modules have been posted on [www.engageny.org](http://www.engageny.org).

Mrs. Appollo shared the work her department has been doing to address the vocabulary component of the CCLS, including vocabulary exploration and notebooks, engaging with nonfiction text, and other activities.

Mrs. Burns reminded the committee that the MAP testing would take place in November, and a letter would be sent home to parents on October 17, 2012. She also shared the work of the literacy coaches in the elementary buildings, including the recently distributed “non-negotiables” for classroom literacy instruction.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.