

**Education Committee meeting
December 13, 2012**

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

Also in attendance: R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:25 p.m.

- I. *APPR Update:* The committee was updated on the status of the APPR. After some minor revisions were submitted to the SED, the district received a letter from Commissioner King approving the West Islip plan. It has been posted on the district website.

- II. *Curriculum Update:* Mrs. Burns shared information about the workshops that teachers have recently attended. Due to the hurricane, seven professional development days were rescheduled. Within the last month, secondary social studies, and primary (K-2) and middle (6-8) school English teachers continued their professional learning about the CCLS in English. Administrators attended a workshop that addressed the implementation of the NYSUT Rubric for the evaluation of teachers.

The International Baccalaureate expects that enrolled students will sit for the summative course examination in May. To date, some students have chosen not to submit payment to take this summative evaluation. In such situations, this choice will be reflected on the final high school transcript, as is the current practice for Advanced Placement courses.

Mrs. Burns outlined the Occupational Education application process for the 2013-2014 school year, as well as the courses that will be offered to qualifying students.

MAP testing should be completed by the end of the week. Results will be shared with parents shortly after the Winter Recess.

The Regents recently updated commencement level diploma requirements. Copies of the "General Education and Diploma Requirements" were made available to those in attendance.

- III. *Miscellaneous:* Mr. Simon spoke about the Suffolk County Community College Excelsior Program, which provides high school students the opportunity to earn college credit in high school courses that are aligned with SCCC courses. The program would credential high school faculty to teach the courses in collaboration with SCCC departmental liaisons. Dr. Bridgeman and the Counseling Office are exploring the program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.