

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

April 22, 2025

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Committee Members: Shelley Arns, Rachael Petty, Dr. Todd Pettit, Kim Dinkheller, Jessica Loos, Janet Silas, Jess Thorsen, Emily Pool, Pat Arnold

QPS Staff: Sara Cramer, Alexa Reid, Katie Hoffman, Matt McClelland, Jody Steinke

Members of the Public: Debbie Husar

2. Committee Discussion Items

- **ECFC – Curriculum Pilot Request**

Sara Cramer, Early Childhood Director, presented a request to pilot the Frog Street Curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year. ECFC has been using Creative Curriculum for the past 14 years. Frog Street Curriculum will better prepare their students for kindergarten. With the current curriculum there are gaps in meeting the Illinois Early Learning Standards, as well as meeting Head Start Standards. Frog Street provides nine thematic units with an emphasis on kindergarten readiness, which Creative Learning does not. ECFC began a mini pilot of Frog Street in March. Katie Hoffman, Instructional Coach, and Lexi Reid, Head Start teacher, provided feedback on the mini pilot. Frog Street has more in-depth content and helps to build concrete skills in the students.

Member Arns asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 ECFC Frog Street Curriculum Pilot request. A motion to approve was made by member Petty and this was seconded by member Silas.

- **QAVTC/QHS – New Course Requests**

Jody Steinke, Quincy Senior High (QHS) principal presented a request to add Accelerated Spanish I/II for the 2025-2026 school year. This would be for incoming freshmen by invitation only, to ensure students can develop the needed fluency to enroll in AP Spanish. Accelerated Spanish I/II would be a full year course and students would earn one credit.

Member Arns asked for a motion to approve Accelerated Spanish I/II for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by member Pool and this was seconded by member Arns.

Matt McClelland, Director of Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center (QAVTC), presented the following course proposals/revisions:

- Revise Digital Graphics course sequence in order to provide a dual credit course through John Wood Community College.
- Horticulture – this proposed year-long course would add to the Ag offerings at QAVTC and increase options for students who want to be more involved in Ag and FFA.
- Emergency Medical Responders – This proposed semester long course would better prepare students for the Emergency Medical Technician course.

Member Arns asked for motion to recommend to the Board for approval for Revision of the Digital Graphics course as presented. A motion was made by member Petty and this was seconded by member Pool.

Member Arns asked for motion to recommend to the Board for approval for the Horticulture course proposal as presented. A motion was made by member Petty and this was seconded by member Arns.

Member Arns asked for motion to recommend to the Board for approval for the Emergency Medical Responders course proposal as presented. A motion was made by member Pool and this was seconded by member Silas.

Recommend to the Board of Education for Action

- ECFC - Frog Street Curriculum Pilot request
- QHS - Accelerated Spanish I/II course request
- QAVTC - revised Digital Graphics course sequence request
- QAVTC – Horticulture course request
- QAVTC – Emergency Medical Responders course request

3. Consider any other matter relating to the District Improvement Process

- None

4. Questions and Comments from the Public

- None

Member Arns asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Petty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by member Arns. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next Meeting June 12, 2025