

# ICHABOD CRANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Academic Committee

**December 7, 2021**

**5:30pm**

### **Committee Members:**

*Present:* Jennifer Allard, Elizabeth Phillips, Anne Schaefer, Superintendent Suzanne Guntlow, Assistant Superintendent Christensen

*Absent:* None

- Riders Pathway to Success 2024
  - Lucas and Suzanne led the committee through the Rider Goal #1, which includes the graduation rate. Lucas emphasized that though this goal has been repeatedly reached, that success is not a given in this area and the entire school community, especially the high school teachers and administrators and students, strive to reach this goal every day in their work.
  - The Rider Pathway teams met in October to review 20-21 results. The groups will convene again in February for further follow up. In reviewing the data it is clear that excellent/accurate assessments of students leads to academic gains, especially when it comes to the high school Regents level work.
- Data Report
  - The committee spent a significant amount of time working through the data reports for marking period 1 for the current 21-22 school year. The data review led to a larger conversation about assessments, the frequency of assessments and which of these barometers should be used as a teaching tool within the classroom, versus what should be viewed at the BOE level. Because iReady (a normed assessment) is new to the majority of the district we will continue to have this conversation regarding assessments as the year progresses and hold off on making any suggested changes for data reporting. It was clear that the teachers and administrators are taking a very deep dive into all aspects of the assessments for ICC students and are committed to flexibility and insight from teachers and staff on how these can be used most effectively.

- New AIS Staff and programming changes
  - Lucas and Suzanne updated the committee on the new shared AIS staff and the areas they are focusing on.
- Next Steps
  - The committee will come together again after the second marking period data is available. The Riders Pathway teams are meeting in February as well.

**Next Academic Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 5:45pm**