

**BOCES Curriculum and Instruction Council**  
**February 9, 2012**

**Précis**

**Supplemental Educational Services (8:00am meeting)**

- BOCES provided SES is ready to begin in a couple of districts
- Discussion about summer had begun because it is likely that districts will not have used up all their money

**Updates**

- State Ed [Updates](#)
  - Expect little to change in the DASA draft regs as a result of the comment period. Now hearing that some of the directions and expectations won't be communicated until webinars (and NOT regional meetings) in May. Requirements still look like:
    - Revised VADIR reporting
    - Trained point person for each building
    - Annual education requirements for teachers and students
    - Revisions to Codes of Conduct
  - With regard to SLOs: Work through the Five Decision Points before making too many SLOs. Some examples emerging but tend to be traditional and paper/pencil. Resources posted at APPR site on State Growth 20% [page](#). Avoid knee-jerk reaction to just create paper and pencil, state test-like assessments. This is an opportunity to assess what is really important and do it differently than those State tests we complain about so much (if we have the capacity).
- Legislative
  - The 30-Day Budget amendment process begins very soon. We will soon see what it brings.
- ITD Update
  - Model Schools upcoming events include(d) the next TIES meeting, February 10. This is a meeting for teaching assistants, librarians, teachers, administrators, and/or anyone who is on the front lines of supporting teachers' technology integration initiatives. We have had good representation from ESM, WG, and FM and would welcome folks from any other district who would like to attend. This week's meeting will focus on "content curation" and will evaluate several websites that allow people to collect and share the best of the web in an efficient way.
  - We are also in the process of planning the next TALKS event where we will be on-location at ESM High School. Dr. Donna DeSiato will be sharing the work the district has been doing in creating 21st Century Learning environments. The district already hosts STEM tours for districts from around the country who want to observe some of the authentic learning experiences that are taking place there. We will hear from a student panel from the middle school's "STEAM Team" (the A is for Arts). This event will take place on 3/15.
  - We are also getting a lot of requests for iPad support. The next Appy Hour will be 2/16 from 1 -3. Apple's Tom Homer will be on-hand to discuss managing volume sets of iPads and Apps.

- For those districts using the 2011 Danielson rubric/framework, please note that the only electronic APPR tracking system you can use is TeachScape, due to an exclusivity deal. The 2007 Danielson rubric can be used in any system, as can the NYSUT rubric.
- CI&A
  - Impending professional development was detailed.
  - Budget news: it looks like (based on initial requests) that we will be able to continue with the [revised funding structure](#) next year.
- Data was collected regarding summer professional development especially PBL Project-Based learning
  - There is some interest in scheduling PBL training for elementary and/or secondary levels this summer. It would be two days in the summer with the third day occurring in November (after the teacher has had the opportunity to actually try it). More information will be sought.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies e-book collection
  - 22/23 districts pitched in and we will be able to (with SLS's matching contribution) be able to get the collection for those contributing schools. This would have not been possible without district support!
  - Hoping to "have" them by March 1<sup>st</sup> (except for the Erie Canal book which they are writing for us); schools will be able to put them into their school catalog and have access for all their teachers and students

## Race To The Top

- Math Common Core
  - HS unpacking is coming up
  - There was significant interest in a Math Solutions Common Core Institute in Syracuse in the summer.
    - K-8 teachers of math, in bands: K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
    - How to teach math the way the CCLS calls for it to be taught
    - For 80 teachers (or 120, or 160 if even greater interest) – it works in increments given the way they group teachers
    - 3 or 4 days
    - RTTT budget (using some from this year and some from next) could pay for the institute, materials, supplies, and food. *Non NT districts would be charged.*
    - Local Teacher Centers will co-sponsor (if still alive) to help pay
    - Many districts think they could pay their teachers as required/needed in order to get them there.
    - The second week in August might be a good time; no time in the summer is necessarily better than another.
- Introducing the "road map" for RTTT (Renee and Auddie from the NT)
  - We finally know "enough" to take a shot at such a [road map](#)
  - Self-Assessment targeted for February
  - Meetings with Districts following that mid-year self-assessment
- SLOs training is occurring in both the Lead Evaluator and Principal Evaluator trainings. Additionally, visits to districts are happening for onsite work. Access SLO [resources at the APPR microsite](#). As examples emerge, please share with Jeff so they can be posted for others to see. The US History example we worked on last time is there. So, too, is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade ELA that focuses on nonfiction writing.
- Teacher training for APPR and rubrics is happening onsite. No "workshop-like" sessions for teachers have been planned, although NYSUT will be offering something directly to teachers.
- The Teacher Centers are gearing up full speed with money to spend on RTTT by the end of the year. A few things:

- It was decided to allow a Teacher Center representative (one) attend BCIC meetings. The different Centers will have to share the seat.
- They are doing more and more that is aligned to the Reform Agenda (that is their new requirement). A list of offerings from CNY Center is impending.
- Stay tuned for a big announcement about another Solution Tree mini-institute here on June 25 & 26!

**Regional Scoring (10:00am meeting)**

- Need to define April 4<sup>th</sup> training (and possible Cortland location)
- Need to confirm the RIC's promise of having scoring materials for all sites
- Will the RIC pick up scored tests at the end of each day?

**BCIC Meeting Schedule:**

March 8, 2012

April 12, 2012

May 10, 2012

June 14, 2012