

**BOARD REPORT**  
**November 10, 2021**  
**BOWE SCHOOL**

**Principal:** Craig Stephenson

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- **Staff Evaluations in October 2021**

<i>Tenured Certified Staff</i>	10
<i>Non-Tenured Certified Staff</i>	6
<i>Non-Certified Staff</i>	0

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- **Committee Meetings Conducted October 2021:**
  - **School Leadership Team (SLT)** – 10/06/21
  - **Bowe Parent Advisory Committee** – 10/06/21
  - **Professional Development School (Professional Development School)** – 10/20/21
  - **Attendance Committee** – 10/21/21

**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS:**

- **Faculty Meeting** – 10/18/21
- **BSI** – 10/18/21

**DISTRICT LEVEL MEETINGS:**

- **C&I/Bowe** – 10/1/21
- **School Safety & Climate Committee** – 10/19/21
- **Glassboro Public School District Safety & Security Meeting** – 10/28/21

**WEBINARS:**

- None

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

- **October 8 Inservice Day** – All Bowe staff participated in a presentation from members of the Teach Like a Champion/Uncommon Schools team, including Doug Lemov. The presentation was very well-received by the Bowe staff with evidence of implementation of strategies shared observed the very next week. In addition to a keynote that framed the conversation and introduced knowledge building and engagement strategies, the training introduced how to create and use a variety of knowledge building tools as well as the use of writing strategies to deepen understanding of content.
- **Week of November 1** – We were able to provide time during the school day for ELA grade level teams to meet and collaborate in the planning of Wit & Wisdom lessons and implementation of knowledge building tools shared at the 10/8 Inservice. We also ensured that time was allotted to meet with BSI and ESL teachers to support accommodations and modifications for students receiving these services.
- **GCAEMSA Meeting to be hosted at Bowe** – The Gloucester County principal’s roundtable is to be hosted at Bowe School on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the AM. This will bring elementary and middle school principals from all over the county together to discuss common issues and share successful strategies.
- **Bowe Faculty Meeting 10/18/21** – A faculty meeting was conducted on 10/18/21 with a focus on reviewing the Notice & Wonder Protocol for data analysis, I&RS & CST referral process, and takeaways from the October 8<sup>th</sup> In-Service.

## **INSTRUCTION/STUDENT NOTES:**

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Accelerated Math Program** - We are excited to announce that Bowe's Accelerated Math Program will begin on November 16th. It is open to any 6th grade student who is interested in challenging themselves with skills and topics that go beyond the traditional 6th grade math curriculum and show readiness to do so. The program will be held after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Information was shared with parents with accelerated math program instructor Ms. Poggioli as the first point of contact.
- **October 2021 Bulldogs of Character** - The Thomas E. Bowe School is proud to highlight each month those students who routinely demonstrate high character. We do so through our Bulldog of Character Awards program. The Bulldog of Character Award recognizes one student per grade level each month, as well as one student chosen by our special area teachers (i.e. art, PE, computers, SEL & music), for being outstanding students and citizens and for demonstrating the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The October 2021 Bulldogs of Character as selected by our staff are Jack Thompson (4), Francis Kerr III (5), Moses Robles (5), and Awanju Tennyson (6). Congratulations to these outstanding Bowe Bulldogs!
- **Schoolwide Virtual Presentation to Students** - Mrs. Kerr and Mr. Stephenson delivered a short presentation to all homerooms on Tuesday, November 9th. We reviewed, among other things, expectations for bus, lunch, and recess conduct. The presentation is available on our website.

## **STAFF NOTES:**

- **Official Welcome to Mrs. Kerr, our new assistant principal** - Mrs. Lauren Kerr has officially joined the Bowe Team as of October 25th. She joins us from Kingsway Regional School District where she served for a total of 22 years - 17 years as a special education teacher (high school and middle school) and 5 years as an assistant principal at the high school level. In 2010, Mrs. Kerr was honored as Kingsway Regional High School's teacher of the year and also earned distinction as the New Jersey Student Council Advisor of the Year. In her new role as assistant principal at Bowe, she will, among many other responsibilities, oversee our extra-curricular programs as well as our attendance committee. We are so excited to bring on board such a talented and experienced educator who has already hit the ground running as an integral member of the Bowe team. Welcome, Mrs. Kerr, to the Bowe Bulldog family!
- **We are proud of our own Mrs. Mary Aruffo – Stock Market Game Teacher Mentor:** GPSD Gifted & Talented Program teacher/advisor, Mrs. Mary Aruffo, was recently selected as one of three teacher mentors who will assist other middle school teachers participating in the Stock Market Game from across the United States! This mentoring program is brand new and will hopefully help to inspire other teachers and their students to participate fully in the Stock Market Game!
- **Bus Drivers** - The Bowe Team would like to express their sincere gratitude toward our bus drivers who work hard every day to ensure our students get to and from school safely. Their job is not easy, and we appreciate everyone's efforts to communicate the importance of bus safety and conduct so that our drivers can focus on their important responsibility. Thank you, GPSD bus drivers!!!!

## **OPERATIONS:**

- **Safety & Security** – In October, Bowe School conducted a fire drill and a security drill as per NJ State Law 18A:41-1 (the drilling law). The fire drill was observed by the Glassboro fire department.

## **FACILITIES:**

- **None**

## **NURSES:**

- **None**

## **COMMUNITY:**

- **Bowe Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC)** - Thomas E. Bowe School parents, guardians, and community members are invited to join me to participate in the Bowe School Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC). BPAC meetings are held periodically throughout the school year. These meetings are open to everyone and provide an opportunity to meet with the principal and discuss events and programs at our school. The first BPAC meeting was held on Wednesday, October 6. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1st @ 6 PM. As of this moment, the meeting will be conducted fully virtually, but that could change. For more information on BPAC, including the full schedule of meetings, visit our website - <https://www.gpsd.us/Page/7732>

**BOWE MEETINGS CONDUCTED/SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER (as of 11/10/21):**

- **ScIP** – 11/10/21
- **Faculty Meeting** – 11/15/21
- **PDS** – 11/17/21
- **Attendance Committee** – 11/18/21
- **School Leadership Team** – 12/01/21

**DISTRICT/COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:**

- **Bowe/C&I** – 11/23/21
- **BPAC** – 12/01/21
- **Glassboro Public School District Safety & Security Meeting** – 12/02/21

**WEBINARS/CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:**

- **None**









