

Curriculum Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 17, 2021

Attendance

✖	Yes		No	Norrell, Dr. Jennifer
✖	Yes		No	Campbell, Dr. Lori

✖	Yes		No	Miller, Ms. Avis
✖	Yes		No	Hatchett, Ms. Kimberly
✖	Yes		No	Sifuentes, Mr. Juan

Dr. Campbell opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

I. Enhancing Google with Nearpod and Pear Deck Proposal

Presenter: Dr. Lori Campbell

- Dr. Campbell presented proposals recommending the adoption of Nearpod and Pear Deck Platforms to enhance and support the delivery of instruction. These platforms, in conjunction with Google Enterprise, offer an extremely interactive and engaging experience for students. Teachers can embed poll, questions, and other media into presentations they have already created in Google slides and PowerPoint. They also offered a standard-aligned library of 15,000+ pre-created interactive lessons and videos across all grades and subject. Lastly, their formative assessments allow teachers to recognize if students understand the content being taught. The proposed cost for Google with both platforms, including professional Development is \$188,000
- Mr. Sifuentes asked "Is the subscription only for 2021-2022 school year?" Dr. Campbell replied "The subscription is from 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022". Ms. Hatchett added "It is two different applications right? , Nearpod allow interactive lessons and what does Pear Deck do?" Dr. Campbell added "The greatest feature of Nearpod is the video and activity library, which is not embedded in Pear Deck. However, Pear Deck offers activities and opportunities for the students to continue to develop and enhance the interaction with the teacher. In conclusion both platforms work extremely well together to provide the best enhancement to instruction, that Google alone does not. Google is basically the streaming platform with information". Ms. Hatchett asked "How are we covering the cost?" Dr. Campbell replied "The platforms will be covered by grant funds".

II. Culturally Relevant Curriculum Proposals

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Norrell & Dr. Lisa Dallacqua

- Dr. Norrell shared with the committee how this is one of the projects that we feel will have an impact beyond measure. We need to be prepared to not only welcome our kids back but be prepared to move them aggressively to make up for any loss that they have experienced in nontraditional academics for the past school year. This program will be paid out of the ESSER grant funds. The granted federal dollars must either fall into the bucket of academic acceleration or social emotional learning.
- Dr. Norrell continued, we wanted to have something that we could massively roll out to have a great impact, but we knew that it had to be something that would be enjoyable for staff and could be done very concise instead of 5000 additional things to come back and master. Dr. Dallacqua is going to present what we're proposing to do starting in June.
- Dr. Dallacqua continued the presentation providing the supporting research, the work of the teachers and the professional development plan for this summer. She provided a brief summary of what Nostalgia means, which is basically curriculum that supports cultural responsive teaching that recognizes the importance of including a student cultural past. We want as a district to take the concept of Nostalgia through projects, and use this as a base to restore and regenerate historical narratives that bring joy, pride, feelings of happiness for our students and our school community, using the Nostalgia avenues; Oral Storytelling, Culinary Expressions, Musical Traditions, Artistic Endeavors, Personal Narratives and cultural Celebrations. We would be continuing the integration of technology in a meaningful way so that students have lots of opportunities to show what they know.
- The final cost and curriculum proposals will be submitted for motion to be approved to the board on June 7th, 2021.

III. Fall21 Opening Plan

Presenters: Dr. Lori Campbell

- Dr. Campbell shared the schedules the District worked on for Fall21. Option one is our traditional schedule for all students in-person and option two for Hybrid/Remote. The second schedule is in the event of unforeseen setbacks as we receive further guidance from ISBE, IDHP and CDC.

IV. Summer School Updates

Presenters: Dr. Lori Campbell

- Dr. Campbell provided an update regarding summer school, she shared the summer school schedule, highlighting the cluster sites. She also discussed the professional development, training days for staff, summer school hours, and building staff relocations due to construction.
- Dr. Campbell presented the updated Summer School Budget totaling a cost of \$1,948,568.59

V. Bilingual Education Award

Presenters: Dr. Rita Guzman

- Dr. Guzman shared the Bilingual Education Award update from ISBE. She mentioned the district was awarded \$30,000 due to the significant improvement to the percentage of ELs achieving English proficiency.
- Dr. Guzman provided data points to refer of how we accomplished this recognition:
 - a. 74% of EL students in grades 3-12 made some level of scaled score growth on ACCESS between 2019-2020.
 - b. Over 2100 (2116) students made 15 points or more scaled score growth on ACCESS between 2019-2020, which is interpreted average to above average growth.
 - c. According to the Progress to Proficiency data, 983 EL students in grades 3-12 met their scaled score growth target between 2019 and 2020, based on their ACCESS composite scores, which means they are on track to exit in the years to come.
 - d. Over 90% of 3rd-5th grade students, met their scaled score growth target on ACCESS between 2019-2020.

VI. Middle School Promotion

Presenters: Dr. Lori Campbell

- Dr. Campbell shared information regarding the Middle School promotion ceremonies for Waldo, Simmons, Cowherd and Fred Rogers Magnet. The ceremonies will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams, Thursday June 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. High School Graduation

Presenters: Dr. Lori Campbell

- Dr. Campbell highlighted High School Graduation at NIU Huskie Stadium on May 30th, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in Dekalb, Illinois.

VIII. Attendance and Enrollment

Presenters: Dr. Lori Campbell

- Dr. Campbell presented the district attendance report, currently we have an overall daily attendance of 93.22%. She also shared our enrollment data. We currently have 13,486 students enrolled.

IX. Old Business- None

X. New Business- None

XI. Public Comments- None

XII. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.