

Curriculum Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 16, 2019

Attendance

✘	Yes		No	Norrell, Dr. Jennifer
	Yes	✘	No	Campbell, Dr. Lori
✘	Yes		No	Johnson, Ms. Annette
✘	Yes		No	Sifuentes, Mr. Juan

✘	Yes		No	Miller, Ms. Avis
✘	Yes		No	Hatchett, Ms. Kimberly
✘	Yes		No	Mestek, Mr. Gerald

Dr. Norrell opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

I. Dieterich Elementary School Continuous School Improvement Plan - Ms. Paula Ek and Mr. Wilson Morales

- Principal Paula Ek and Assistant Principal Wilson Morales provided a detailed overview of the Dieterich Elementary School Improvement plan. The team reviewed the goals and data from previous years.
- Dieterich has aligned their resources to improve instruction.
- Ms. Ek also shared they are continuing with cycles of planning, evaluating and data analysis.
- Dieterich shared Fall/Winter MAP results for reading and math. They are currently designing Grade Level Common Formative Assessments (CFAs). The team will look at this data to inform how they will move students forward.
- Dieterich attendance goal is to increase average daily attendance to 95%.
- Dieterich Winter 2020 goals:
 1. 37% of students will score above the national norms in MAP Reading
 2. 34% of students will score above the national norms in MAP Math
- Ms. Hatchett asked “where are they now”? Ms. Ek responded “We had a 3% increase from where we ended at winter last year”

II. Simmons Middle School Continuous School Improvement Plan - Ms. Mechelle Patterson, Ms. Nitza Carrillo, Mr. James Los, Mr. Erik Toman, Ms. Emily McGinnis and Ms. Nicole Blakely

- Ms. Patterson discussed the District Strategic Plan and how Simmons Middle School Improvement Plan is aligned to the district’s goals.
- The Instructional coach shared the three areas of focus for this school year:
 1. Classroom support
 2. Data Coaching
 3. Resource provider
- Simmons 2019-2020 goals:
 1. 15% decrease in Office Discipline Referrals
 2. 80% increase on Fall to Winter MAP scores in Reading and Math
 3. 5% increase - Subgroup Conditional Growth index

- Dr. Norrell asked the team to explain regular growth vs conditional growth. Conditional growth is how well the student is growing across NWEA in comparison with their peers, by grade level and ethnic group.

III. EA District Instructional Coaches – Mr. Brad Wieher, Ms. Carol Mertes and Ms. Megan Servos

- Ms. Mertes discussed the role and practices of the Instructional Coaches (IC).
- Ms. Mertes shared the Instructional Coach Brochure.
- Mr. Wieher discussed the support plan for IC The plan is ongoing, inclusive of Learning Forward PD. He shared the upcoming dates for trainings.
- Mr. Wieher also shared the ongoing support for all D131 teachers and administrators through the online professional membership with Learning Forward.
- Dr. Norrell asked “how many coaches do we have”? Mr. Wieher replied, “Thirty-Four”.

IV. EAHS Reading Program - Mr. Brad Wieher and Ms. Diana Wilkie

- Mr. Wieher introduced Ms. Wilkie and shared that she has worked in the district for many years. He mentioned that she is a Board Member on the Fox Valley Reading Council.
- A brief update on the EAHS reading program was provided.
- As of now the HS has 3 full sections of reading electives, Dr. Norrell asked ‘are those students in AP seminar’? Mr. Wieher said “yes”. These students were able to opt-out, however they opted-in.
- Ms. Wilkie spoke regarding the love of reading and the importance of finding books children like to read. Ms. Hatchett pointed out the importance of finding what the students like to read instead of assuming that the students cannot read.
- Ms. Wilkie discussed the Springboard training the staff attended last week.
- Ms. Wilkie spoke regarding the scope and sequence developed during the summer. She also shared information regarding the Summer Curriculum work and how the work aligned to the District Strategic Plan.

V. FY19 Instrumental Music BID Request - Dr. Jennifer Norrell

- Dr. Norrell read the recommendation letter for the FY19 Band Instrument Bid. The Curriculum Board members agreed to put it through as an action item for the following Board of Education meeting.

VI. Disposal of Personal Property - Dr. Jennifer Norrell

- Dr. Norrell read the resolution letter for disposal of personal property. This will go to the next Board of Education meeting as an action item.

VII. New Business

- Dr. Dallacqua introduce Dr. Kimberly Potowski-Professor of Spanish, Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Dr. Potowski spoke of the importance of a Dual Language Education and how studies have shown the benefits of dual language education from an early age. Dr. Potowski also shared a Power Point Presentation.

VIII. Public Comments

- Ms. Norma Bravo, member of the BPAC, thanked the Board of Education for their support of parents and students. She also shared with the board that they are ready to support the district with any initiatives.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.