

Manitowoc Public School District
Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting

January 21, 2021

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Meredith Sauer, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Curriculum Committee Member, Kathy Willis was present along with Board of Education Member, Lisa Johnston and Superintendent Mark Holzman. In addition, Jason Bull, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, and Pam Lensmire, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, were also present. Tad Peterson, Heartland Solutions Consultant, was present for a portion of the meeting, as well.

MPSD and Heartland Partnership

Jason Bull introduced Heartland representative Tad Peterson to provide an overview of strategic technology planning. Mr. Peterson explained the components of MPSD and Heartland planning from needs analysis to execution of the strategic plan. In addition, Tad illustrated how well established infrastructure, security and mobility, coupled with services platforms that work, allow for classroom applications that positively impact learning and teaching. Finally, Mr. Peterson shared the breakdown of technology purchases for our district. Tad and the members of the MPSD Technology Team are in initial phases of developing the next five year plan.

Assessment Updates

Pamela Lensmire provided an overview of the forthcoming assessment plans that will impact our district. The assessments that our students will work through in the coming months include:

- **ACCESS for ELLs/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs** - February 22 - April 30, 2021 - Federal assessment for all students identified as EL Levels 1 - 4 - Assesses language development in domains of speaking, listening, reading, writing
- **ACT Plus Writing** - March 9 - 11, 2021 and March 16 - 18, 2021 - MPSD Gr. 11 students will take the assessment online for the first time this year - Assesses skills in reading, writing, English, math, science
- **Forward** - March 22 - May 14, 2021 - MPSD Gr. 3 - 8 and Gr. 10 students will take this assessment - Gr. 3 - 8 students are assessed in ELA and math - Gr. 4, 8, and 10 students are assessed in social studies - Gr. 4 and 8 students are assessed in science
- **Dynamic Learning Maps** - March 22 - May 14, 2021 - MPSD Gr. 3 - 11 students with significant intellectual disabilities will take this assessment instead of the other statewide assessments - Alternate assessment participation determined by IEP team using DPI criteria - Assesses skills in ELA, math, science, social studies
- **ACT Aspire** - April 5 - May 19, 2021 - MPSD Gr. 9 - 10 students will take this assessment - Assesses skills in reading, writing, English, math, science
- **Required Reading Readiness Assessment** - MPSD Students in Gr. 4K - 2 will participate in the PALS assessment in late April - May

Beyond the two aforementioned presentations there were several questions around the 2021 Summer School model. The current 2021 Summer School plans include:

- **K-12 Enrichment** - June 21st - July 9th
- **Elementary Academy** - July 12th - August 6th
- **Middle School Welcome Week** - August 2nd - 5th and August 9th - 12th
- **High School Transition Week** - August 9th - 11th
- There are also ongoing discussions around the addition of a Middle School Bridge program and High School interim that would provide academic offerings.

Kathy Willis made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Meredith Sauer seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.