

Manitowoc Public School District
Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting
October 21, 2019

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Elizabeth Williams, called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. Curriculum Committee Members, Meredith Sauer and Dave Nickels, were present along with Jason Bull, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, and Pam Lensmire, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Also present was Lori Williams, MPSD K-12 Math Specialist.

Math Resource Adoption

Jason Bull presented a proposal for a new K-5 math resource to be adopted during the 2020-2021 school year. The why, what and how of the math resource adoption was provided along with updates indicating that a parent event was held during the third week of September with no attendees, the resource has been available for review since August 2019, and the start of a book study to engage all professionals in conversations and reflections tied to mathematical practices occurred in October. The approximate \$215,000 cost of the adoption for student and teacher materials and professional development has been allocated within the Student Learning Office budget. Meredith Sauer made a motion to move the math resource adoption at a cost of \$215,000 forward to the full Board for approval. Dave Nickels seconded the motion. The motion carried and will move forward to the full Board.

K-12 Math Update

Jason Bull provided a K-12 math update. Our early childhood teachers and partners (Headstart & day care 4K sites), have had two years of training with a former DPI math consultant, to learn about how number and counting concepts can be built through play. Lori Brandt, the MPSD 4K Coordinator, and a committee made up of representatives from each 4K program will support colleagues in implementing more of these routines during the 2019-2020 school year. The committee will create and share additional resources and timelines for all of the 4K teachers to use and discuss at their regular meetings.

In October, grade 5K through grade 5 teachers began to participate in a book study focused on *5 Practices for Orchestrating Productive Mathematics Discussions, 2nd Ed. (2018)*. A team of elementary teachers is developing materials to enhance this study with questions to guide reflection during the book study, facilitated online Google classroom activities, video studies, and direct connections to the potential new elementary resource, *Bridges in Mathematics*. Additionally, the two math coaches at Jefferson & Franklin Elementary Schools are supporting grade level teachers in learning about and implementing the latest research-based practices for effective math instruction in their core math blocks. Lori Williams, MPSD K-12 Math Specialist, has been working with the coaches to identify measures of success for their roles and to review student math achievement data to inform their work with teachers .

Our secondary math teachers have had three years of opportunities to grow and hone their skills with the support of CPM math coach, Tracy Frank. This August, CPM coaches

worked with Grade 6-12 teachers to review all of the past learning and help teachers set goals for implementing what each teacher and/or teacher team believes is the next step for self-improvement. This month, Tracy has been conducting observations, offering feedback towards teachers' self-identified goals and coaching in classrooms. She will also support continued learning during the upcoming October staff development time.

Franklin and Jefferson Math Coaching Update

Jason Bull shared video updates from Heather Gehri, Jefferson Math Coach, and Jodee Stahmer, Franklin Math Coach. Both professionals described the work they have been engaged in with teachers in their respective buildings since the start of the school year.

Staff Travel

Jason Bull presented a request for two professionals to attend the 2020 CPM National Teacher Conference which will be held February 22 - 23, 2020 in San Francisco, CA. The two staff members were part of a high functioning collaborative math team at Lincoln High School focused on supporting all learners. A CPM coach was so impressed with the level of rigor the team as able to maintain while focusing on learning for all, that he encouraged them to submit a proposal to present at the national conference. They will be presenting a session on Supporting Students Who Struggle in Standards Based Grading. In addition to presenting, they will have the opportunity to network with other professionals, to attend other sessions to learn and continue to grow, and to gain new insights to bring back to the district. CPM will be covering a portion of the costs. The approximate cost to the district for the travel is \$1,120 which has been allocated within the Lincoln High School budget.

Meredith Sauer made a motion to move the staff travel forward. Dave Nickels seconded the motion. The motion carried and will move forward to the full Board.

Staff & Student Travel

Jason Bull presented a request for 4 baseball coaches and 15 varsity baseball student athletes to travel to the Jackie Robinson Baseball Training Academy in Vero Beach, FL over Spring Break March 21 - 29 2020 to utilize the facility for pre-season practices and a scrimmage. There is no anticipated cost to the district. The goal is to raise the approximately \$27,000 needed to cover the cost of the trip through fundraising with a backup plan to divide any remaining balance not achieved through fundraising among the players' families. Anticipated benefits of the experience for the students include building strong team relationships, strengthening leadership, and training outdoors to simulate outdoor playing conditions. Coaches strive to network and collaborate with coaches throughout the nation, continue to learn and grow as professionals, and gain new information to bring back to the MPSD and Manitowoc Youth Baseball Association.

Future Meeting Topic

Meredith Sauer requested that middle school course offerings are discussed at a future Curriculum Committee meeting. Jason Bull indicated that a middle school update is planned for November.

Dave Nickels made a motion to move the staff and student travel forward. Meredith Sauer seconded the motion. The motion carried and will move forward to the full Board.

Meredith Sauer made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Dave Nickels seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 4:00p.m.