

**Manitowoc Public School District**  
**Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
 November 17, 2022

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Kathy Willis, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Curriculum Committee Members Tony Vlastelica and Matthew Phipps were present. Also present were James Feil, Interim Superintendent, Stacey Soeldner, School Board President, Jason Bull, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, Pam Lensmire, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Katie Eichmann, Director of Pupil Services.

**ELA Resource Review/Adoption Update**

Pam Lensmire, Jen Schultz, Jen Hartman and Melissa Buck presented an update on the ELA resource review/adoption process. Below you will find a summary of the update:

1. A survey was conducted in late fall 2021 asking classroom teachers, special education teachers, reading teachers, English Learner teachers, and administrators to identify how important certain elements are to an effective literacy resource and how well our current resource, the Units of Study, align to each element. The results of the survey indicated a need to look for a new resource.
2. A team of representatives from across different grade bands, schools, and roles was assembled to serve as the resource review/adoption committee.
3. The team followed a resource adoption process recommended by EdReports.
4. A Science of Reading rubric from expert Wiley Blevins was utilized as a starting point for the creation of the evaluation checklists that would be used by the team in their review of identified resource options. The committee provided several rounds of feedback on the additional elements to be incorporated into the evaluation checklists.
5. After reviewing two identified resources that were rated highly by EdReports on each of its three pillars and engaging in presentations by the different vendors, the committee made the recommendation to propose a public review of Into Reading and Into Literature by Houghton Mifflin to the Curriculum Committee.
6. The strengths of the resources identified by the resource review/adoption committee were shared along with a number of key features of the Into Reading and Into Literature resources.
7. Research and efficacy information and lists of state and national school districts who are utilizing these curriculum resources were also provided to the Curriculum Committee.
8. A profile of a neighboring district who has utilized the Into Reading resource since 2019-20 was shared indicating that they have seen an upward trajectory in their ELA scores.
9. The quote for the cost of the Into Reading and Into Literature resources for the non-pilot schools in the district is approximately \$390,000 for a 3-year contract and \$560,000 for a 6-year contract.
10. An outline of professional development resources provided through Houghton Mifflin and additional resources the team has secured through CESA 6 to aid in the facilitation of professional development beginning in January were shared.

Kathy Willis made a motion to support the request with professional learning beginning in January 2023 as planned, the resource be made available for staff and public review with a robust communication plan executed, the team to explore the marriage between the preferred resource and the pilot full school reform model, with final decisions made related to the preferred resource no later than January 2023. Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. The ELA Resource adoption team will move forward as directed.

**LHS Course Proposals and Removal**

Associate Principal Lainey Longmeyer and a team of teacher leaders shared a number of course proposals for the 2023/24 school year and one course removal

1. **AP English Language and Composition - Addition** - Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support

the request, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.

2. **Anatomy and Physiology - Addition** - Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the request, Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
3. **Expanded AP Chemistry - Addition** - Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the request, Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
4. **Figure Drawing - Addition** - Kathy Willis made a motion to support the request, Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
5. **Exploring Art 2 - Removal** - Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the request, Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
6. **Statistics - Addition** - Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
7. **AP PreCalculus - Addition** - Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
8. **Advanced Interior Design - Addition** - Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
9. **Music Theory - Addition** - Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the request, Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.
10. **Music History - Addition** - Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022. Matthew Phipps added a request that the school explore further whether or not the course can be co-taught by a social studies and a music teacher so that students can earn social studies credit.
11. **Beginning/Secondary Band & Orchestra - Addition** - Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.

#### **LHS Out of State Travel Request**

Lainey Longmeyer presented a proposal for two staff members to engage in a Track and Football Consortium in Elmhurst, IL. The consortium is scheduled December 9 and December 10, 2022. All expenditures will be allocated from the LHS instructional budget.

Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the request, Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.

#### **Washington Middle School and Wilson Middle School Out of State Travel Request**

Lance Masters presented proposals that would afford the opportunity for up to 100 eighth grade students from each middle school to travel to Washington DC and Gettysburg, PA. These trips would occur June 11, 2022 through June 15, 2022. Costs incurred from travel and supervision have been allocated within the MPSD budget.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The request will be considered by the full board of education November 22, 2022.

### **Boardroom of the Future**

Brady Balaban presented a vision for updating the audio and visual equipment in the boardroom. The vision will provide a better audio and visual experience for all users and provide ease of use systems for members of the district and board of education.

Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the request, Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion.

### **School Forest Update**

Kelly Vorrone presented a School Forest update. This update included a brief historical look at the School Forest along with the importance, impact and outcomes of the plethora of learning activities that occur at the School Forest.

### **Resource- Pilot Adoption**

Pam Lensmire and Kevin Kiel had previously presented a proposal for a Middle School Science resource adoption of OpenSciEd. The proposal was brought back to the Curriculum Committee for further review and discussion. Science teachers at the middle schools would like to explore the OpenSciEd resource more fully with each grade level piloting one or two units this school year in place of a similar unit they already teach in IQWST. They would collect data to measure the success of the pilot in order to reevaluate at the end of this school year whether or not to recommend proceeding with full implementation of OpenSciEd. Building principals have been informed of and support the team's desire to sample units this school year. The details integral to this work include:

1. The team followed an Implementation Checklist.
2. Teachers reviewed and developed a deeper understanding of science standards.
3. Teachers identified the power and supporting standards for the course.
4. The team identified the criteria to be used in reviewing resource options.
5. The team identified OpenSciEd as the preferred resource.
6. The preferred resource teacher's manual was made available for public review at the District Office and a link was added to the MPSD website to the resource.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request to pilot OpenSciEd minus the 7.6 Earth's Resources & Human Impact unit, Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The middle school team will move forward with the pilot units and plan to bring updates and outcomes stemming from this work to the Curriculum Committee in the Spring of 2023.

### **Code of Conduct**

Jason Bull shared an update around the Code of Conduct. Below you will find a summary of the update:

1. Student Learning Office representatives continue to communicate expectations and support for the use of Infinite Campus to record behavior data.
2. Infinite Campus was recently updated to allow for behavior incidents to be tracked by one of four tiers outlined within the Code of Conduct. In addition, language used within Infinite Campus was updated to better align with the Code of Conduct.
3. The next Behavior Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2022. One of the agenda items for the meeting is the move towards the development of the 5500 Team. In addition, feedback will be sought around the measures of success that will be used moving forward.
4. The vision for the 5500 Team was shared with all building leaders. There is unanimous support for this work.

### **Disproportionality**

Katie Eichmann shared updates to the Disproportionality work. Below you will find a summary of these updates:

1. We have officially submitted our final budget allocations and are no longer in non-compliance for the 21-22 school year.
2. We will work to allocate approximately \$360K toward this year's board and DPI approved Disproportionality plan.
3. Approximately 40 new staff members will participate in Verbal Deescalation Strategies training on December 5th. This opportunity will be facilitated by Lynette Simonar.
4. The Jackson Trunk or Treat family engagement event was made possible by CCEIS funds. The Washington Learning Community will host a family skate event at the Manitowoc Ice Center. Skate rentals will be covered using CCEIS funds.
5. The World Language Department will have t-shirts available for staff and students in celebration of the many cultures of the world. The t-shirt designs were passed around to BoE members.

### **Curriculum Committee Dates**

Kathy Willis will work with all members of the Curriculum Committee to identify two or three possible dates and times for the committee to gather during the week of December 19, 2022. These potential dates will be shared to finalize the next meeting date and time.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 8:19p.m.