

Manitowoc Public School District
Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting

December 17, 2020

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Meredith Sauer, called the meeting to order at 6:04 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. Lee Thennes, Principal of Lincoln High School, Doug Hamm, Dean of Business, Technology, and Hospitality at Lakeshore Technical College, and Shari Lipski, Kerstin Westcott, and Dana Bongle, MPSD Student Learning Liaisons, were present for a portion of the meeting, as well.

Student Learning Liaison Update

Pamela Lensmire explained that the Student Learning Liaison (SLL) team within the district is made up of 37 teachers leaders from across the elementary, middle, and high school levels representing core academic areas, elective areas, school counselors, and specialists. Pamela introduced three Student Learning Liaisons from across grade bands to share their perspectives; Shari Lipski, Kerstin Westcott and Dana Bongle.

- Shari Lipski is an elementary teacher and elementary math Student Learning Liaison. Shari shared that she is grateful to be a member of the SLL team and of the impact the role has had on learning. Shari spoke of the learning that all members of the SLL team have had the opportunity to engage in around the tenets of the Professional Learning Community and how this work has transcended the SLL group into classrooms across the district. In addition, Shari spoke of her unique role serving and supporting a most successful Bridges resource implementation.
- Kerstin Westcott is a middle level reading teacher and secondary Student Learning Liaison for Reading. Kerstin also spoke of the work of the SLL group integral to the Professional Learning Community model. In addition, Kerstin shared her perspectives and gratitude for building and district leaders that continue to seek her opinions and feedback while valuing the student and staff-centered work that she facilitates regularly.
- Dana Bongle is a high school physical education teacher and secondary Student Learning Liaison for physical education and health education. Dana spoke of the importance of the professional learning the SLL continues to receive, especially around the why, what and how of the Professional Learning Community model. Dana specifically referenced that his understanding and subsequent leadership of the how of the PLC model has transformed his work and the work of the entire secondary physical education team.

College Here and Now Update

Jason Bull introduced LTC representative Doug Hamm and Lincoln High School Principal Lee Thennes to provide a College Here and Now update. The goal is to have College Here and Now programming available to students for the start of the 2021-22 school year. The partnership

with LTC and MPSD will provide Lincoln High School and McKinley High School students with an opportunity to:

- Earn a college technical diploma without ever leaving the high school.
- Earn an Information Technology (IT) TECHNICAL DIPLOMA by the time students complete high school.
- Complete all coursework with zero-tuition costs for students and their families.
- Work in a dedicated College Here & Now classroom within Lincoln High School.
- Earn LTC credits that build toward an IT-Web & Software Developer associate degree in just one additional year following high school.
- Work towards an associate degree for which graduates can enter the high-demand IT field and earn about \$54,000 per year.
- Earn LTC transferable credits for students who wish to continue in a Computer Science bachelor's degree program.

Kathy Willis made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Meredith Sauer seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.