



**Mission:** *The Manitowoc Public School District commits to educate, engage, and inspire all learners to thrive in a global community.*

**Vision:** *Inspiring Education-Empowering Community-Unleashing Potential*

**Core Values:** *Relationships-Compassion-Collaboration-Dedication-Integrity-Inspiration*

Manitowoc Public School District  
Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting  
February 23, 2023

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Kathy Willis, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Curriculum Committee Members Tony Vlastelica was also present. Also present were James Feil, Superintendent, Jame McCall, Assistant Superintendent, Stacey Soeldner, School Board President, Jason Bull, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, Pam Lensmire, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Katy Emmett, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent.

Administrators present were Lee Thennes, Principal at Lincoln High School, Courtney DeArmond, Principal at Jefferson Elementary, and Matt Heller, Principal at Franklin Elementary.

**LHS Out of State Travel Requests**

Lee Thennes presented a proposal for three staff members to attend and present at the biennial Chemistry Education conference in Ontario, Canada. The conference is scheduled July 23, 2023 through July 27, 2023. All expenditures will be allocated from the LHS instructional budget.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Kathy Willis seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Lee Thennes presented a proposal for three staff and approximately 37 students to visit the Chicago Art Institute on May 18, 2023. Students will view 19th Century French Art as part of the French 4 (5 and 6 are included) curriculum. All expenses will be allocated from the LHS World Language Department Student Travel account.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Kathy Willis seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Lee Thennes presented a proposal for the Central States Swim Coach Clinic. Boys and Girls JV and Varsity Swim Team will attend the clinic on May 19, 2023 through May 21, 2023. All expenditures will be allocated from the LHS Athletic budget.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the request, Kathy Willis seconded the motion, the motion carried.

All three requests will be considered by the full board at the next board meeting.

**AGR Mid Year Report**

Courtney DeArmond and Matt Heller shared updates in regards to the AGR mid year report.

Courtney highlighted student growth and on-target benchmarks. Jefferson continues to see growth and many students moving into the proficient category.

Matt Heller shared Franklin behavioral data; incidents are down. Also highlighted significant improvements in literacy performance.

### **Curriculum Mapping**

Jame presented the curriculum mapping overview. The overview included updated information in the curriculum mapping document to include a timeline of when subjects will be reviewed and if any curriculum adoption will be implemented. Also discussed were next steps and putting budget parameters to each curriculum subject.

### **Preschool**

Jame presented an update for preschool and the cost saving benefits for the District. Jame discussed student benefits in providing 4k opportunities and in working with YMCA and Lakeshore to increase student readiness.

### **Policies**

Graduation requirements p05460

- Revised policy was presented in the new NEOLA template. Revisions included recommendations from the board and conversations with secondary principals.

Requirements for option 2 of the policy were in question. Jame and Lee will look into the requirement further and make a recommendation at the next Curriculum Committee Meeting.

English Language Proficiency p02260.02

- Pam Lensmire presented the revised policy with recommendations. Committee members along with Jim and Jame agreed with those recommendations.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to approve the English Language policy, Kathy Willis seconded the motion, the motion carried.

English Language Proficiency policy will go to the regular board meeting for full board approval.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Kathy Willis seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.