

Curriculum Committee Report

June 3, 2014 12:00

Committee Members Present: Keith Shaw, Barb Hermann

Absent: Dave Nickels, Linda Gratz

Others in attendance: Deborah Shimanek, Marcia Flaherty, Andrea Holschbach

The meeting began at 12:07 with Chairman Shaw noting that a quorum was not present but the meeting would continue with updates as presented in agenda.

The Fall Academy will have 2 courses: Healthy Body + Healthy Mind=Healthy Professional, taught by Kari Backhaus, and Love and Logic, taught by Todd Hadler and Brian Geerds. Both of these courses have been offered through the MPSD Academy in prior years so they do not require additional approval.

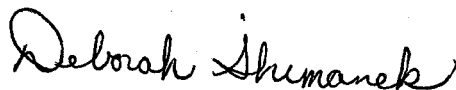
There was a recommendation to increase the number of minutes for the secondary school day (Junior High and High School) by 7 minutes. This will increase minutes of instruction 1260 minutes or 21 hours. This will allow for intervention/enrichment blocks and extending instruction time for students. It will not have any impact on transportation and will enhance instruction. This will be brought to the Board as new business on June 10.

The Manitowoc Public School District is developing a blended learning opportunity for resident students that presently are open enrolled outside of our school district. The new program, Lighthouse Learning Academy will provide a an educational option to students and families that allows for personalized education delivery, personalized curricular options, flexibility in daily student schedules and the ability to maximize learning opportunities both through the use of technology and a resource teacher. This blended learning option is possible through State Statutes supporting curricular modifications, (118.15(1)(c) and (1)(d). This will be a program offered in our district for the 2014-2015 year. A timeline for its implementation was presented to the committee. We discussed the educational and financial gains this program could provide to the MPSD. The proposal to approve this educational opportunity for students and the need to add an additional .5 teacher will be presented at the Board meeting as new business on June 10.

The Physical Education Department continues to update and revise their curriculum and assessments to align with National Physical Education Standards for a physically literate individual. This is an ongoing process and will continue into the 2014-2015 school year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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