

**Manitowoc Public School District**  
**Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
May 19, 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 along with Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board of Education President Stacey Soeldner. In addition, Jason Bull, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, Pam Lensmire, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Joyce Greenwood-Aerts, Director of Human Resources, Lori Williams, K-12 Math Specialist, David Steavpack, 6-12 Co-Curricular Coordinator, Lynette Simonar, General Education Behavior Program Support, Lance Masters, Washington Middle School Principal, Stacy Ledvina, Manitowoc County Department of Human Services social worker, and Linda Gratz MPSD Behavior Ad Hoc member were also present.

**Out of State Travel Requests**

David Steavpack presented an out of state travel request for the Fall of 2022. The out of state travel details include:

1. Dates - August 24, 2022 - August 27, 2022
2. Location - Mona Shores, MI
3. Activity - Football Competition
4. Students involved - up to 50 students grades 10-12
5. Summary of activity - Student athletes will have the opportunity to travel to Mona Shores, MI to engage in team activities and a football game.
6. Cost = up to \$7500 from Football Booster Club, Football Activity, and LHS Athletic Department accounts.
7. Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the proposal; Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. All members of the Curriculum Committee supported the proposal.

David Steavpack presented an out of state travel request for the Fall of 2022. The out of state travel details include:

1. Dates - August 26, 2022 - August 27, 2022
2. Location - Ludington, MI
3. Activity - Soccer Competition
4. Students involved - up to 36 students grades 9-12
5. Summary of activity - Student athletes will have the opportunity to travel to Ludington, MI to engage in team activities and a soccer game.
6. Cost = up to \$6200 from Soccer Activity, and LHS Athletic Department accounts.
7. Tony Vlastelica made a motion to support the proposal; Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. All members of the Curriculum Committee supported the proposal.

David Steavpack presented an out of state travel request for the Summer of 2022. The out of state travel details include:

1. Dates - July 11, 2022 - July 15, 2022

2. Location - Indianapolis, Indiana
3. Activity -Advanced Placement United States History Professional Development Event
4. One staff member
5. Summary of activity - Advanced Placement United States History Professional Development Event will support teacher understanding of course framework and the scope and sequence of the course.
6. Cost = up to \$500 for LHS Instructional Budget account.
7. Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the proposal; Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. All members of the Curriculum Committee supported the proposal.

Lyentte Simonar and Stacy Ledvina presented an out of state travel request for the Fall of 2022. The out of state travel details include:

1. Dates - September 24, 2022 - September 29, 2022
2. Location - Phoenix Arizona
3. Activity -Kids at Hope Masters Professional Development Event
4. One staff member
5. Summary of activity - Kids at Hope Masters Professional Development Event will serve as a means to further understand the Kids at Hope philosophy being embraced by area community organizations.
6. Cost = All costs covered by a grant from the Manitowoc County Department of Human Services.
7. Matthew Phipps made a motion to support the proposal; Tony Vlastelica seconded the motion. All members of the Curriculum Committee supported the proposal.

### **K-12 Literacy Update**

Pam Lensmire provided an overview of the K-8 literacy resource review work of the 2021/22 through 2022/23 school years. This overview referenced:

1. The gathering of feedback from MPSD stakeholders K-8.
2. The review of student achievement data.
3. The identification of strengths of current literacy resource.
4. The identification of gaps in current literacy resource.
5. Steps May 2022 - January 2023 to consider a new K-8 literacy resource.

### **Textbooks/Textbook Adoption**

Jason Bull provided an overview of textbooks/textbooks adoptions that included:

1. The MPSD Board of Education Policy 2510 guides the Adoption of Textbooks.
2. There is an updated list of textbooks on the MPSD website.
3. A review of the steps taken during the K-5 math resource adoption process.

### **Behavior Updates**

Jason Bull provided an MPSD behavior update that included:

1. The DRAFT DRAFT DRAFT MPSD Behavior timeline developed by the Student Learning Office.
2. The gathering of MPSD Behavior Ad Hoc members and members of the Student Learning Office to review multiple timelines.
3. The plan to merge timelines.
4. The plan to share and get feedback from MPSD Behavior Ad Hoc members and the members of the Curriculum Committee.

### **Middle Level - Two-Person Teams**

A large group discussion ensued around the fate of middle level two-person teams at the seventh and eighth grade levels. The decision was made that the seventh grade 4-person and 2-person teams at Wilson Middle School will be executed as planned for the 2022/23 school year. In addition, middle level building leaders will develop a Why, What and How of two-person teams and potential options to this model will be shared with the members of the Curriculum Committee no later than November 2022.

### **Policy 2240**

A large group discussion ensued around Policy 2240 - Controversial Issues in the Classroom. The following action items were agreed upon:

1. The Board of Education will be reviewing the policy.
2. Superintendent Holzman will gather information related to this policy and remind building leaders of the process to follow related to controversial issues.
3. Director Greenwood-Aerts will secure updated options of policy 2240 from Neola.
4. Superintendent Holzman will bring options for Policy 2240 to the full Board of Education meeting.

Tony Vlastelica made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Matthew Phipps seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 7:56pm p.m.