Manitowoc Public School District Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting

August 16, 2021

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Meredith Sauer, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Curriculum Committee Members, Kathy Willis and Stacey Soeldner were present along with Superintendent Mark Holzman and Board of Education member Lisa Johnston and Collin Braunel. In addition, Jason Bull, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, and Pam Lensmire, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Joanne Metzen, Director of Pupil Services and Dave Steavpack, Athletic Director were also present.

Out of State Travel

Dave Steavpack shared a proposal to travel out of state. The proposal is for the Lincoln High School Cross Country Team to attend Bill Dawson Cross Country Invitational in Gurnee, IL on Saturday September, 18h (non-school day competition). The event would not involve any missed class time and the team will travel out of state on Saturday and return the same day. Coaches Michael Bubolz and Andrew Ziolkowski, and the athletic trainer, along with all cross country boys & girls team members will attend. The total cost for travel is \$925.00, of which \$525.00 will be covered by the Cross Country Team Activity Account. The remaining balance will be covered by the district athletic budget.

Kathy Willis made a motion to approve the out of state travel proposal. Stacey Soeldner seconded the motion. The proposal will be brought to the full Board of Education for consideration.

Policy 5310 - Health Services

Joanne Metzen shared the current Board Policy 5310-Health Services as well as a copy of the updated policy that our policy company NEOLA has to offer. Those present at the meeting asked questions and provided input. Joanne will connect with NEOLA around the questions asked and work on a draft of an updated policy for the Curriculum Committee of the Board to consider.

2020/21 Parent & Student Engagement Survey Data

Pamela Lensmire began presenting the shared Parent & Student Engagement Survey data. Two slides into the presentation a request was made for more longitudinal data to be shared. A discussion ensued around requests for raw data. After much conversation the members of the Curriculum Committee agreed to table the Parent and Student Engagement Survey data presentation until the September meeting at which time more longitudinal data will be included.

2021/22 Student Learning Office Professional Learning Calendar

Pamela Lensmire shared the 2021/22 Student Learning Office Professional Learning calendar. This calendar details the differentiated learning opportunities organized by the members of the Student Learning Office. These learning opportunities are focused around the following departments; K-12 English Language Learners, K-12 English Language Arts, Reading, K-12 Mathematics, Math Coaches and K-12 Physical Education. Many of these opportunities are facilitated by CESA partners. Additional professional learning opportunities are also developed throughout the year by teacher leaders and principals.

There were some questions around the plan to offer Compacted Math at the middle level. The criteria for entering Compacted Math as a seventh grade student was shared. A request was made for longitudinal data around student achievement in mathematics beyond the Compacted Math level. This longitudinal data will be shared during the September Curriculum Committee meeting.

2021/22 Building Action Plans

Jason Bull shared an overview of the Elementary, Middle Level and High School Building Action Plan process. This continuous improvement model begins in the Summer with building teams completing a comprehensive data dig and an investigation of root causes that leads to the identification of an End of Year Student Outcome Goal and an End of Year Instructional Practice Goal. Members of the Student Learning Office review all completed Action Plans and provide feedback and suggested revisions. Finalized Action Plans serve as the foundation and focus of year long plans and actions to grow student achievement and improve instructional practices. The cycle concludes with a review of achievement for the year in June and the start of the next year long cycle. Building leaders gather monthly throughout the school year to work in triads to share data, successes and receive feedback from colleagues. The work outlined in the Action Plans also serve as the foundation of the Board of Education School Showcase Presentations.

Stacey Soeldner made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Kathy Willis seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.