

Manitowoc Public School District
Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting
August 20, 2020

Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Meredith Sauer, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

Middle School Updates

Principals Lance Masters Cory Erlandson shared an update founded in the Board of Education approved Middle School Model. This update included an overview of safety and wellness measures that will be in place for the start of the year. An explanation of what a day will entail for a student provided insights into elective offerings that will be maintained, logistics behind supporting full distance learning and blended learning models, and a continued commitment to learning. The plans for 7th and 8th grade compacted math were shared with plans for establishing a scope, sequence and pacing and criteria for identifying 7th grade students for compacted math currently being worked through. Lance and Cory also spoke of the collaboration and work that has gone into action planning for the school year including identifying goals that will drive learning focused actions. Cory and Lance answered a number of questions from the members of the Board of Education.

The 10 Commitments

Pamela Lensmire and Jason Bull shared a summary of The 10 Commitments; ten learning, teaching, assessment and technology commitments that have been developed collaboratively through many conversations with members of the Student Learning Office, building leaders and teacher leaders. These 10 Commitments are founded in the collaborative process with a focus on learning and results orientation with heavy emphasis on systems for communication and organization. The 10 Commitments will be shared district wide -during In-Service week and revisited throughout the school year.

Focusing Forward

Pamela Lensmire shared a research based approach to instructional strategies as we enter the start of a year following a fourth quarter of distance learning for all learners. We are committed to developing an approach to the upcoming school year that accelerates rather than delays students' engagement with the major work of the grade level focused on grade level standards with support as needed. Our work and resources aim to assess and meet potential areas of need as they arise over the course of the year instead of devoting the first several weeks of instruction to reteaching content from the previous year.

2020/21 Student Learning Office Professional Development Schedule

Jason Bull shared the Student Learning Office organized Professional Development calendar. The plans outlined within this schedule reflects a focus on a differentiated approach to professional development that targets the needs of groups of professionals at all grade band levels.

2020/21 Assessment Calendar

Jason Bull shared a draft Fall 2020/21 Assessment Calendar. This draft calendar of assessments will be finalized in the coming weeks and shared district wide.

Kathy Willis made a motion to adjourn the Curriculum Committee; Meredith Sauer seconded the motion. The Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.