

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

6:00 PM

District Board of Education Room

- I. **The meeting was called to Order: at 6:00 p.m.**
- II. **Call to Order—Present: Committee Members:** Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer
District Staff: Barb Sparish, Kris Britton, Josh Tomesh, Curt Pacholke, Melissa Fiamoncini
Absent: Randy Drost
Community: None
- III. **Barb Sparish, announced that notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI statutes.**
- IV. **Approval of November 28, 2017 meeting minutes:**
Motioned by: Abby Fischer
Seconded by: Bill Schmitzer
All in Favor
- V. **Middle / High School Acceleration – Josh Tomesh and Curt Pacholke**
District Math coach, Kris Britton, presented on the middle school mathematics enrichment and acceleration activities. She shared the different activities for Tier I, II, and III for 5th, and 6th grade students. Tier I is the classroom support, Tier II are math extensions, and Tier III are gifted and talented focused. Students going from 6th to 7th grade are placed in one of three pathways – 7th Grade Math, Accelerated 7th Grade Math, or Algebra. Multiple criteria such as 6th grade tests on standards, STAR test scores, Wisconsin State Assessment scores, and teacher recommendation. Students going from 7th Grade Math or 7th Grade Accelerated Math are placed in two pathways – 8th grade math or Algebra. Students in 7th Grade Algebra go into Geometry. Once again, multiple criteria are used to determine the pathway.

High School Principal, Curt Pacholke, shared the high school course sequence highlighting the accelerated courses. There was a discussion about students not being ready for Algebra 1 as a freshman. The committee would like more information regarding this.
- VI. **High School ACP Update – Curt Pacholke**
Curt Pacholke shared the high school Academic and Career Planning scope and sequence. 9th graders in addition to Freshman Success will participate in a career day. 10th graders will visit local businesses. 11th graders will make decisions about post-secondary options, including shadowing at WITC or UW-Barron County. 12th graders will finalize their career plans and take part in a Reality Store.
- VII. **Elementary Literacy Coaching – Melissa Fiamoncini**
Melissa Fiamoncini shared how the coaching mission connected to the district mission and vision. The collaborative host classrooms help build further collaboration with teachers and teams. Melissa has been working hard to build a culture of coaching in all buildings. She is

communicating different ways she can provide assistance in classroom. Melissa is also working on the ELA curriculum including assessments and standards interpretations. She is working with grade levels to improve the district writing curriculum.

VIII. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

IX. **Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Richard and seconded by Schmitzer.

Minutes submitted by Barb Sparish December 19, 2017