

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 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:** Tami Alberg, Keven Jensen, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer
District Staff: Randy Drost, Melissa Fiamoncini, Kia Ohlfs, Erin Madsen, Ashley Kneifl, Barb Smith, Jill Bennett, Barb Sparish
Absent: None
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 December 20, 2016 meeting minutes:**
Motioned by: Bill Schmitzer motioned to approve minutes with the following change in #VI “In order to continue to implement UDL the technology needs of the district were discussed.”
Seconded by: Tami Alberg
All in favor
- V. **Elementary Collaborative Classroom – Melissa Fiamoncini, Georgia Madsen, Kia Ohlfs, and Valerie Woods**

Literacy Coach, Melissa Fiamoncini, explained the coaching continuum at the elementary school and the rationale for developing the collaborative host sites. Three elementary collaborative hosts were hired. Melissa surveyed each host and helped each set goals for the year. The collaborative hosts, Georgia Madsen and Kia Ohlfs, expressed how working collaboratively with Melissa has helped both of them grow as teachers and also promote student learning. The collaborative host positions have had a great impact on instruction for teachers, students, and coach. All groups are growing through the process. The goal is to build capacity across staff and improve student achievement through use of research and evidence based literacy instructional practices. The collaborative host positions are a pilot this year, but we are hoping to continuing them in future years.

- VI. **Montessori Expansion – Ashley Kneifl, Barb Smith, Jill Bennett**

Montessori teachers, Ashley Kneifl and Barb Smith, shared their background as teachers. They explained that Montessori educates the whole child cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally using materials in which students can manipulate. The Montessori age groupings were explained along with expectations for each grade grouping. Currently, the RLASD Montessori Program only goes through 3rd grade. Parents have been surveyed and would like to have their children continue in the Montessori Program past 3rd grade. The projected enrollment for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years were shared. Ashley and Barb shared a possible scenario for expanding the Montessori program for the 2017-2018

school year to one Children's House with approximately 11 students, splitting Elementary I so that grades 1 and 2 (approximately 12 students) are in one classroom and Elementary II, grades 3 and 4 (approximately 12 students), are in another classroom. The next step would be to bring the additional staffing (1 FTE teacher and .5 aide) needs to the BOE Finance Committee and then to the full Board of Education.

VII. Staff Development Update – Barb Sparish

January 23rd, 2017 was a staff development day. Four hours were devoted to curriculum writing. In the afternoon the buildings focused on the following:

- High School – Literacy Team Meeting, Technology Integration Workshops, ACT Prep Plan, I.E.P. work, and Educator Effectiveness
- Middle School – Data Meetings
- Elementary – Grade Level Meetings, Workshop Sessions

The staff is being surveyed to gain input on curriculum writing. The survey responses will help administration set goals for the 2017-2018 school year.

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

IX. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 7:16 p.m. by Bill Schmitzer and seconded by Tami Alberg.

Minutes submitted by Barb Sparish January 24, 2017.