

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 22, 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:** Abby Fischer, Keven Jensen, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer, Gary Spear
District Staff: Barb Sparish, Melissa Fiamoncini, Karen Couey, Natalie Springer, Josh Tomesh, Mary Krovoza, Jenny Amos, Katie Bergeron, Susan Strouf
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 statues.**

There was a quorum of board members, but no official business was conducted.

- IV. **Approval of May 23, 2017 meeting minutes:**
Motioned by: Abbey Fischer
Seconded by: Bert Richard
All in Favor
- V. **Elementary ELA Curriculum Update – Melissa Fiamoncini**
Elementary Literacy Coach Melissa Fiamoncini, and Kindergarten teacher Karen Couey, shared the process used to write the ELA curriculum. The goal was to develop ELA curriculum and designate supporting resources in order to align and improve teaching and learning as measured by student success. In the summer of 2016, the grade level teams completed the unit plans. In the fall of 2016, grade level teams collaborated during in-service days with the goal to draft the teaching templates that accompanied the unit plans and continue to align and share resources. November through February the teams collaborated on common unit assessments and rubrics for writing. Teams created common unit assessment tools. March through April the teams focused on aligning common unit assessments to the Wisconsin adopted standards and revised report card language to create a cohesive communication and instruction tool. In the 2017-2018 school year the teams will finalize the ELA curriculum by committing in-service time or release time for grade level teams and then implementing the curriculum.
- VI. **Academic Career Planning – Curt Pacholke, Josh Tomesh, Mike Shomion, Jessica Ebner, Jenny Amos, Nathan Vlcek, Jenette Walters, Dan Haughain, Mary Krovoza, Gary Spear**
The ACP Committee shared the Rice Lake Middle School and High School Academic Career Plan that will be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year. Gary Spear provided the history of Education for Employment and how ACP developed. Jenny Amos shared the ACP Website draft. Middle School Principal Josh Tomesh, and Assistant High School Principal Katie Bergeron, shared the middle and high school ACP scope and sequence. The ACP Plan

needs to be approved by the Board of Education and will be presented to the full board at the July 10, 2017 meeting.

VII. Middle School At-Risk – Josh Tomesh

Middle School Principal, Josh Tomesh, discussed ideas of what the middle school is looking at providing for at-risk students. He shared data on how many students were failing classes both core and Avant-garde classes. Several students feel they will be more serious about school in high school. There seems to be a culture in which it is not cool to commit to academics. Over the course of the year students earned 520 failing grades. Mr. Tomesh shared research on failing grades and how that impacted if a student graduated. He shared different things that the middle school has tried such as PBIS, lunch success, power hour, Saturday success, test retakes, and ILA interventions to address academic deficits. Mr. Tomesh offered the proposal that would add a recovery time for students who failed a class. Students who fail a class would be required to stay after school for remediation and support. The middle school still needs to work out all of the details to the approach.

VIII. Collaborative Classroom – Barb Sparish

The following teachers will be the collaborative classroom site teachers for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Karen Couey- Kindergarten
- Sheila Durand-Thornley – Kindergarten
- Katie Olson – Grade 1
- Brittany Ahlberg – Grade 4
- Michelle McDonald – Grade 4
- Eric Stoykovich – Grade 4
- Terry Robinson – Grade 5
- Angela Stoykovich – Grade 6
- Rebecca Fischer – Grade 7
- Barb Richie-Vergin – Grade 7

IX. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

X. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Richard and seconded by Fischer. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by Barb Sparish June 22, 2017.