



Board of Education Committee Minutes

NAME OF THE COMMITTEE:	Curriculum and Instruction Programs
NAME OF THE CHAIRPERSON:	Mrs. Stacey Price
DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF MEETING:	March 14, 2023 @7:00 PM BoE Conference Room
BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:	Mrs. Stacey Price, Mr. Douglas Cusato, Mrs. Laura Cooper, Mrs. Kristen Pedersen
ADMINISTRATORS ATTENDING:	Dr. Mortimer

Discussion Items

Health certification - Teach all remaining subjects no more than one-half of the daily instructional assignment

SUBJECT	Elementary Health - New Development
NOTES	• The “sensitive” elementary Health lessons are scheduled to be taught the week of March 20, 2023. • The Health teachers met on their own last week, and they determined they plan to mention the fact that a family can have two moms or two dads in the Grade 3 “My Family, Your Family - Growth and Development Unit.” This represents a change in that the sensitive standards are only in grades 2 and 5. • This content is in neither the Atlas BoE-approved curriculum, nor is it in the lesson plan for the unit. The lesson plan refers to these types of families only: single-parent, two-parent, divorce, blended and extended. • The teachers are saying the words two moms, two dads are in the Teachers’ Guide of The Great Body Shop, which they are. The Board approved <i>The Great Body Shop</i> as the teaching resource for the Health curriculum. • The teachers also pointed out there is a book that is read to Kindergarten students that mentions a family can have two moms or two dads. It is part of the “Families are the Same and Different” in the Social Studies curriculum, which parents cannot opt out of. This curriculum is several years old by now, and this unit was put in place to satisfy the DEI mandate by the State.

To be given to Board Secretary for distribution to the entire board. Reports will be used as the basis for updating the board and the public at the board meetings.

	• Responsive Classroom Programming (ES) • Caring Cardinals/Peer Leaders (ES) • Safety Patrol (ES) • Cool Cardinals of the Month (ES) • Anti Bullying Bike Assembly (ES) • Mix It Up Lunch (ES) • SEL/Mindfulness Activities (ES) • Fun Run (ES) • Walk to School Day (ES) The Administration would like further information, ***ACD***ACD ***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD ***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD ***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD ***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD***ACD
CONCLUSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS	The Committee members had a discussion about this topic with Dr. Mortimer, and it was determined the general question was what percentage of the day/year is spent on HIB prevention. While these assemblies/programs/events do not constitute a significant amount of time, they build climate and culture. The most systemic prevention program we have is Responsive Classroom in the elementary grades, as there is a roughly 20-minute Morning Meeting in all homerooms on a daily basis. A similar program will be implemented at WRMS next year.

SUBJECT	Honors Courses at the Middle School/Update Master Schedule
NOTES	• April 2022 Agenda • Next year rollout ○ removal of World History 8 CP and World History 8 CP Honors ○ removal of Algebra 8 H (only Math 8 and Algebra 8), ○ removal of Accelerated Math 7 (math standards are all pre-algebra based) • Update on master schedule ○ Schedule modified rotating drop (math & english every day). ○ 6th grade will have elective 1st period.
CONCLUSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS	The Committee members were in favor of discontinuing the courses outlined above, with the understanding that differentiation will take place.

SUBJECT	Academic Decathlon Trip to Texas in April
NOTES	• Does the Board want to cover the cost of the airfare, hotel, meals and ground transportation for the students, or should we ask the parents to cover the cost for their children?

CONCLUSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS	The Committee members had a discussion about this topic, and ultimately decided to fund the trip this year. Going forward, the Academic Decathlon students are requested to fundraise on an annual basis so that they can financially contribute in the event we qualify for the finals in the future.
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SUBJECT	Textbook Review - moved to April agenda
NOTES	• Wonders for ML (ELL) • enVision K-5
CONCLUSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS	Renew enVision K-5 & Wonders for ML

SUBJECT	i-Ready Data Update - moved to April agenda
NOTES	Mid year review of data (presentation)
CONCLUSIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS	

FYI Items

- Elementary Principals and Assistant Principal are charged with developing a year-long plan (July 1 to June 30) to secure greater consistency in students' grade level experiences, no matter which school or teacher. There will be measurable benchmarks at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and 12 months. Elementary Principals were asked to consider a list of 35 suggestions provided by Dr. Mortimer11
- The Strategic Plan Dr. Severns is working on will be ready soon (District Goal 4).

Next Meeting:

- **Date: April 11**