

Curriculum Committee Meeting

January 16, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Central Office Conference Room

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present Committee Members:

Taffy Miller (Chairperson), Gina Albert, Hillary Koyner

Present Administration:

Kenneth Craw, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent; Lisa Wolak, WHS Principal; Dan Doak, WMS Principal; Pattie Falber, WIS Principal; Laura Kaddis, HES Principal

2. Update on WIS and WMS enrichment

Discussion:

- Committee members discussed the budget proposal recommending reductions to the enrichment classes at both WIS and WMS.
- At WIS, teachers are now able to differentiate instruction for math and provide enrichment to students on a more regular basis than the model that is in place now whereby the Project Challenge teacher provides math enrichment to each classroom every other week.
- The committee discussed the declining interest in the eighth grade Passion Project and alternative ways of delivering this project to the entire grade.

3. Grades 3-8 Project Challenge

Discussion:

- Committee members discussed two budget proposal options for reducing 1.0 FTE devoted to Project Challenge across WIS and WMS.
- The Committee agreed that each option has its benefits and challenges and agreed to continue to flush out more details and to refine the options.

4. Discussion of class size guidelines

Discussion:

- The Committee looked at class size comparisons in the DRG A chart.
- A question was raised last budget season as to whether the elementary classrooms could raise their cap to 25 students.
- Mrs. Falber expressed her concern at increasing the cap to 25 at WIS as the classrooms are only built for 24 students.

- Committee agreed not to recommend changing the classroom capacity at this time.

5. Update on Reading and Math SRBI proposal

Discussion:

- Ms. Wolak spoke about setting up a math enrichment program at the high school.
- This program would provide Tier 2 and 3 intervention.
- Intervention access would be based on data provided by the math data team.
- No additional FTE would be necessary for this program.

6. Information on K-2 Spanish curriculum

The Committee did not discuss this topic.

7. Information on Grade 3-8 Theater Coordinator position proposal

Discussion:

- The Theater Coordinator position would add new administrative time during the day.
- The role would have the teacher at .8 FTE for teaching and .2 FTE for administrative duties.
- With this proposal, the current \$8,000 Theater Coordinator stipend would be eliminated.

8. Information on Director of School Counseling position proposal

The Committee did not have any questions about this topic.

9. Approval of November 2019 Minutes

Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Gina Albert and a second by Taffy Miller.
2 Yeas - 0 Nays.

10. Other curricular issues

No other items were put forth for discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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