

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607 (989)399-6500
March 4, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Charles Coleman:

1. **Committee Members Present:** Mrs. Joyce Seals (Chair)
Mr. Kevin Mark Rooker
Mrs. Mattie Thompson (Absent)
- Board Members Present:** Mrs. Janet Nash (Absent)
Dr. Charles Coleman
Ms. Ruth Ann Knapp (Absent)
Ms. Vera Harrison
- Central Administration Staff:** Dr. Ramont Roberts

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Seals asked board members if there were any additions or subtractions to the minutes from February 12, 2024. No additions/subtractions made. Mrs. Seals motioned to carry and Dr. Coleman moved to accept and Mr. Rooker supported.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

3. **Presentation**

A. Consolidated Application Presentation for Carry Over

Jennifer Nichols presented data for Grant carry over which included Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, 23g, RAG and GSRP. An error of two duplicated Title IV lines was noted.

- 31A - There is a \$200,000 amount for support staff to be provided training “From the Heart Services” approved through 31A.
- Title IV - There is STEM Saturday for \$50,000 and want to continue with that program for students to increase their knowledge.
- 23G - Consulting fees for summer school support for 23G (Michigan Back on Track Grant) was approved and within the budget. A new grant was received for \$59,551 that includes both the Mexican American Council after school program and some consultation services for summer school, and Rooted for Hope which is a group that will support our students in small groups during summer school. There is online tutoring

from 23G through Varsity tutoring in the amount of \$180,000. They provide online tutoring so it increases staff availability to students, one-on-one tutoring and done live.

- Newsela - renewal. It has information for online text services with news articles, current events, and informational text.
- RAG (Regional Assistance Grant) - mainly for priority schools but can use district wide as long as we are making a positive impact on the priority schools first.

Mr. Rooker asked for more information about 23G. Ms. Nichols stated it is a new grant for Michigan Back on Track that is to provide additional assistance to students, can be used for tutoring, summer school, after school programs and has to be for Tier 2 and not Tier 1 and intended to get students ready for college. This will be put on the consent agenda for next Wednesday's meeting.

B. Draft Timeline for 2024-25 School Year for School of Choice and Open Enrollment

Dr. Roberts presented 2 flyers.

Open Enrollment - April 15 – May 3rd is the timeline we will accept throughout the district. This is for inner district students who are enrolled in one of our elementary schools and could request a move. This year we will be instituting the first year of open enrollment policy to stop at the 5th grade. Currently, only applicable for K-5 and 6-12 grades will not be eligible. This information is on the application, website, Facebook and letters were sent to the 5th grade parents at the end of the 1st semester giving notifications.

School of Choice – students that reside outside of our district in terms of address and those students can choose to opt into our district from March 21st – August 26th for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. There is an intent to return form that details the dates beginning with March 11, 2024, for those students who are currently open enrollment or school of choice and will be able to indicate if they plan to return for the 2024-25 school year.

C. Strategic Planning

Dr. Roberts stated the strategic planning can come back to a full Board meeting. Last Fall there was a Saturday planning session at Success Academy to discuss current strategic plan and forecasting. As this plan concludes, planning needs to begin for 2024-2030 strategic planning. Reached out to the Michigan Department of School Board and they have the same facilitator, Ms. Deb Stair, and recommend we start the planning this Fall. Dr. Roberts would like to have at Wednesday's meeting to discuss the detailed contract in terms of the cost and once cost is approved, would then work with MASB for dates in the Fall for the next strategic planning.

4. Policy Updates

None.

5. Public/Union Comments

None.

6. Final Board Comments

Mrs. Seals was appreciative to see Dr. Roberts at the Saturday breakfast and thankful for his support. Our Superintendent and Board members are everywhere. They are touchable and approachable. Dr. Roberts was recognized there and Mrs. Seals was very grateful.

Dr. Roberts

- Reminder our girls' basketball team tonight at Heritage for the first district games playing at Heritage.
- The boys (SHS & AHHS) will meet tomorrow for the regional final at Corunna High School.
- Two individuals competed for the Saginaw United wrestling team at the State Championship and will bring them forward to the Board to congratulate.
- Saginaw Academy of Excellence students left this morning and currently on the road. One student had health issues where a parent had to come pick up their child. More updates after they arrive and attend.
- On Wednesday, he will speak at the Saginaw Club on our bond projects, specifically Saginaw United updating them on the progress.

Dr. Coleman attend the Saginaw County Schoolboard Association dinner last week and the table talk was about strategic planning. He was asked how we are doing what we do and who helped us to do it. We have the attention of our fellow board members in the Saginaw county area.

7. Announcement of Next Meeting

TBD

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Jamie Gorte