NFPS BOE Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, 10-26-27

Present: Amy Johnson, Greg Flanagan, Kathy Baker, Joanne Tolles, Ed Sbordone, Ken Craw, Kris Woleck, Allyson Story, Jennifer Hilderbrand, Karen Gruetzner, Katie Blore

The meeting was called to order by Amy Johnson at 7PM.

Strategic Plan 2.0 Overview
The Curriculum Subcommittee meeting focused on presenting the district's Strategic Plan 2.0, Summer Curriculum projects, and updates on AI integration in education. Dr. Woleck provided an overview of the two-year strategic plan centered on student engagement through curriculum, instruction, and wellness goals.

2026 Summer Curriculum Projects
Dr. Woleck followed with details of summer curriculum projects involving 52 staff members across 13 projects totaling 540 work hours. Specific areas of curriculum design focused on mathematics in grade 6 and Algebra II at the high school, 9-12 core English courses, and phase 2 of the social studies curriculum updates.

NFPS AI Update
The meeting included a significant update on the district's intentional approach to AI in our schools with attention to how AI and digital literacy skills, wellness and balanced screen time, and our Vision of a Learner pillars intersect. Dr. Woleck recognized three NFHS student leaders - Emma Ciminello, Lena Woolsey, and Saki Cohen - for their significant contributions to the AI workgroup over the past year, including serving as guest panelists at regional conferences for educators. Emma and Lena attended the meeting and spoke about their student leadership roles in supporting the development of AI guidance and competencies alongside our staff, including the design of new freshman modules addressing AI use and ethical considerations. They noted that, while most students use AI, productive use is improved when teachers provide clear purposes and guidelines for AI integration. Dr. Woleck's discussion highlighted the district's approach to balancing technology use with human connection and critical thinking skills, addressing both the opportunities and challenges of AI in education.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.