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Date: September 16, 2021
To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Kate Cornell and Nicole Metzgar
Re: September Curriculum Report

Professional Development

August 2021 Online Teacher Inservice: In true COVID form, we pivoted quickly from offering an in-person inservice at Katmai Lodge, to offering an online inservice from the comfort of folk's own schools and classrooms. While it was disappointing to not be together and learn directly from each other, we still managed to have a packed schedule with lots of great opportunities to share and engage with each other. We have surveyed the staff and plan to use their feedback to refine our process and plan for our future PD needs.

November Inservice: We have begun to look forward to November Inservice on November 3-5. We are moving forward with planning and hope that we might be able to meet up and spend time together. The main focus of November Inservice will be on literacy (RE and WR) and our new math curriculum.

January Inservice: Due to various unforeseen challenges, we have decided to cancel our Literacy Retreat set for January. We will see about offering a different type of retreat if possible.

Curriculum

Science Committee: Science committee members are Branden Hummel, Nathan McArthur, James Williams, Stephanie Barthelman, Katie Zimmerman, and Jesse Davis. The committee was able to meet during August 2021 Online Teacher Inservice to review standards and resources. The committee will plan and prepare LPSD for new science standards during the 2021-2022 school year. LPSD will begin using new science standards during the 2022-2023 school year.

New Math Curriculum: New math curriculum for elementary and secondary was purchased and delivered to all school sites last May. Teachers received initial training in the curriculum during August 2021 Online Teacher Inservice and are now using the new math curriculum.

CTE for High School Credit: CTE director, Zach Stenson, is interested in working together to create a system that we can put in place for this year and future years that merges CTE classes somehow with LPSD's system of offering high school credit.

Assessment Committee: Currently, only paper-based end of level assessments are being used by teachers. Online end of level assessments are being reevaluated and a plan is being made on how best to



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move forward. Many online end of levels were made available at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, but the program used to write the online assessments changed over the summer. The online assessments did not digitally move into the new online program very well, and now many revisions need to be made before the assessments are ready for review. Also, many online end of level assessments still need to be created.

Advanced Distance Courses: Students continue to take advantage of advanced distance courses. Right now, 8 students from 4 different schools are working on 1, 2 or 5 advanced courses. Four of these 8 students are using financial aid to pay for the upfront cost of the course. More applications are expected to be submitted in the upcoming weeks.

Distance Classes

Marli Nikolaus and Christian Meneskie are back and rolling with their online classes! We have had a few hiccups with the new Reveal platform, but are dealing with those as they arise and while it has somewhat affected student's ability to complete assignments, it has not affected Christian's instruction. A huge thank you goes out to our Homesite Teachers and Principals for their communication and assistance in these first few weeks. We currently have 54 students enrolled in online RE classes, and 63 in online MA classes.

As always, feel free to contact Kate at 571-1211, or via email at kcornell@lpsd.com, or Nicole at 781-3201, or via email at nmetzgar@lpsd.com, if you have any curriculum related questions.