

Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting, April 2, 2025 – Draft Minutes

Central Office

Present:

Liz Barlow	Cheri Burke
Monica Logan	Jennifer Parsons
David Peling	
Karen Richmond-Godard	

Meeting commenced at 5:40 pm and adjourned at 6:50 pm

- 1. Public Comment:** There were no public comments this evening.
- 2. Approve Minutes from the March 5, 2025 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting:** A motion was made by Liz Barlow. and seconded by Dave. to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2025 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting. Motion carried.
- 3. Assistant Superintendent's Monthly Report:**
 - Wellness committee related to legislative requirements and part of it is healthy foods in school. Every 3 years the district must evaluate if policy is being followed. Going to bid for a new contract. Committee is made up of students, staff and parents. They will discuss improving wellness for the community. There will be a field day the last Friday in May with Wells Road and GMMS, held at Wells Road. Dave Peling asked about increasing the quality of the food for kids.
 - District Leadership Team met recently and discussed the March 7th professional development day which included Math Vertical Thinking, Social Studies mapping out standards in the curriculum, and Science did an experiment with teachers about boiling water. Departments are assessing where their curriculum is in preparation for the curriculum review cycle.
- 4. Scheduling Update:**

Scheduling reform - the work began a year ago. Hired a consultant, surveyed staff to know their needs, gathered course data, brought data to us in the fall (board). Guiding coalition of about 14 people including principals, teachers across many disciplines, counselors, union leadership, new staff, veteran staff.

 - Next year the bell schedules will be aligned at both schools and content-specific collaboration time will be prioritized. The schedule will be an 8-period day plus lunch. There will be 45-minute classes, 3-minute passing time, staggered lunch waves with 30-minute lunches. Students can take up to 8 credits. There will be CREW/Advisory on Thursday. Classes will be 41 minutes long on Thursdays
 - The committee looked at whether to include extended blocks. Some classes such as Science and Culinary find the longer blocks to be necessary. It was determined that 93-minute blocks are needed, but not daily. For 2025-26, at the high school, there will be an extended block about 7 times per semester. Next year, a new schedule will be tried and tweaked as needed. For professional learning/collaboration, going to align non-teaching periods within departments to collaborate. The benefits of the new schedule will increase instructional time by 86 hours per year and students will have 45 minutes/day/class.

5. Policies:

- Policy 5131.911 – School Climate: table to bring forward next month - we will move it to the top of the agenda for May - first reading at second meeting in May and be approved at the first and only meeting in June.
- Policy 5145.5 – Suicide Prevention: bring it for a first reading in May to the Board.

6. Other:

A motion was put forth to adjourn. A motion was made by Dave Peling and seconded by Liz Barlow. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.