

SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Curriculum Committee

May 8, 2023 at 6:00PM

The Curriculum Committee meeting was Called to Order at 6:00PM

Committee members and staff (including their role) in attendance

Shannon Snyder, Robin Scherer, Eric Berry,
Brad Group-Board president, Jason Baker-Administrator, Mr. Boley- Principal @
Rice Elementary, Mrs. Reed- Principal @ Iron Forge Elementary, Mr. Deitch-
Assistant Principal @ Yellow Breeches Middle, Mrs. Weisberg- teacher, Mrs.
Group- teacher, Mrs. Miller- Interventionist

Old Business

ELA Pilot- was a yearlong process. After much discussion, the recommendation from staff is to split the program using Wonders for K-2 and Intro to Reading for 3-5. Budget was adjusted following negotiations with both programs. Negotiations were able to reduce cost by \$100,000 to remain in budget. This is a 5 year commitment and includes all student and teacher resources during that time.

Membean Pilot Update- Pilot was initiated and teacher recommendations are presently to implement resource in 6th, 8th, 9th, and other periodic courses for grades 10 & 11. Resource has been included in the 23-24 Budget.

New Business-

Action Requested

Loser- no action needed as a Tier 2/3 resource, simply for Board information. This book will parallel a resource used in a larger class setting.

Spring Math- Is a Tier 1 resource to be implemented in the 23-24 school year. Pilot assessments in Grade 3 to fill a void in Mathematics fluency. Discussion re: finding a resource to meet all identified needs to reduce multiple resources. Mrs.

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Reed noted that there is no perfect program to fit student needs. Discussion re: cost of the program on an ongoing basis.

Social Studies Curriculum- Updated sequence of courses for better alignment between US History and Modern History 1 & 2 previously approved by the Board. Will allow for Middle School courses to better align with coursework for High School students. The updated sequence allows for electives in Psychology and Sociology previously unable to be held due to staffing.

Professional Development-

Mental Health PD-Is a trauma focused program and meets legislation from the State for training for staff members. Administrators will receive training initially then full staff will be trained. ESSER funds will be used.

Penn Literacy Network- Is a literacy focused workshop and will be implemented for English and Social Studies teachers initially with opportunity for limited individuals from other departments to participate. Focus will be on workshop modules to keep costs down. Teachers are encouraged to put into practice instructional strategies and come back to the team with questions and feedback.

Discussion Items

Voyager Sopris REWARDS (Grades 3-5)- Tier 3 Resource brought to the Board as informational. Resource will supplement needs not being met for approximately 10-15 students. This is a 1 time purchase and can be replicated moving forward.

PhysEd- Looking to change modality due to large class sizes. Provides an opportunity to look at new a new path. CAOLA currently provides PE but is more focused on Health. Purchase cost will include a classroom set of watches which will also meet a need for low-income students in the future. Discussion re: concerns of damage to devices and how to include a fee to cover any expenses for damage.

PA Seal of Biliteracy- for students literate in 2 languages. A few ML students would be eligible for the test in their native language and District would fund. AP students would be eligible, as well, but will pay out of pocket as with other AP testing. Achievement provides a seal on the student transcript.

Future Agenda Planning-

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None

Next Meeting July 31, 2023 at 6:00PM is CANCELLED and only will be rescheduled if needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM