

River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: Curriculum and Instruction Date: 10.21.24 Meeting Time: 5.00 PM Adjourn Time: 5.40 pm Page 1 of 2

Present: Sara Young, Fred Iausly, Elisabeth Minich, Kiley Cates, Loren Glasbrenner, Carla Peterson

| Agenda Item | Motion | 2 nd | Discussion |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----------------|---|
| Public Notice | | | The public notice was read by chairperson, Kiley Cates. |
| Approval of minutes | Young | Minich | Minutes from the 8.19.24 meeting were approved by |
| Staff Development | | | <p>Glasbrenner shared topics that are being discussed for the 24-25 school year staff development days (February 14 (All staff), and April 21(Teaching staff): CPI holds (Nonviolent Crisis Intervention holds); AI - Magic School; Small group instruction; Formative Assessment. He has reached out to CESA 3 to continue their support.</p> <p>In addition, he shared the draft calendar for the 2025-26 school year, which includes early release opportunities for staff that will allow for more consistent staff development. Glasbrenner has researched neighboring districts for times and schedules. He also connected with Jennifer Moore-Kerr to discuss expanding after-school offerings on Wednesdays, if needed.</p> <p>Young spoke about teacher assistants being included in the plans for using early release time. Cates shared that a weekly early release seemed less burdensome on parents. Iausly asked about the first and last Wednesdays of the year and why we do not have those as early release days. The Committee asked that we pick up the last Wednesday for consistency. Young asked how every family is going to find out and a plan for communicating the change. She also commented on how this opportunity will be better for the work climate, work morale, and work conditions.</p> <p>The Committee asked that by the November Board meeting that we present a draft of our plans for using early release time and how it is going to involve all staff. The Committee summarized that they are in favor of the calendar and recommends that it be approved.</p> |
| Civics Course offering (25-26) | | | Glasbrenner shared the renewed scope and sequence developed by the Social Studies teacher teams last year and shared that this created next steps for the high school department. He shared information from a meeting with the Social Studies team at the high school to communicate the changes about adding a required Civics course for .5 graduation credits. The high school team was appreciative and shared insights. Glasbrenner also shared that the change would create discussion for the Policy Committee as it changes graduation requirements starting with the Class of 2027. |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---|
| Curriculum Update | | | Glasbrenner visited the Elementary Academic Team and shared his findings. The curriculum renewal and update cycle will focus on literacy in an integrated format. Peterson shared that our current resource has very little integrated use. Elementary staff have worked through some checklists for writing. Glasbrenner shared that 5-12 will work on developing consistent measures and get caught up. |
| Connections to Strategic Plan | | | <p>Student Achievement and Instruction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the District's Curriculum Renewal and Design Plan. Refine the Curriculum Plan as warranted to include both academic and social-emotional curriculum 2. Assure that teachers are well trained in and follow the District's curriculum and beliefs. |
| Next meeting | | | Monday, December 16, 2024 (5 pm) |
| Adjourn | Minich | Iausly | The meeting adjourned at 5:40 |