

# River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: **C&I**

Date: 2.17.25 Meeting Time: 5.00 PM

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Present: Sara Young, Fred Iausly, Elisabeth Minich, Kiley Cates, Loren Glasbrenner, James Radtke, Carla Peterson, Melinda Mohr, Emily Beck

Agenda Item	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Discussion
Public Notice			The public notice was read by chairperson, Kiley Cates. The meeting began at 5:03 pm.
Approval of minutes	Young	Iausly	
Revisions to the 2025-26 Calendar	Iausly	Minich	<p>Glasbrenner presented 2025-26 calendar changes that could be implemented due to the closure of the Early Learning Center at the end of the 2024-25 school year. As the 4K and Kindergarten programs transition to the Spring Green campus, he shared thoughts on changing the first day of school for those students. The Committee approved that 4K and Kindergarten students would come to school on the first day (not staggered on later days, as has been done in the past). Mohr, representing early learning, agreed that the consistency would be welcomed. Peterson, elementary principal, also asked for consistency of early release Wednesdays to be every Wednesday in 2025-26.</p> <p>The Committee will recommend to the full Board to change the 2025-26 school calendar to have 4K and Kindergarten students come to school on the first day, to have early release on every Wednesday, and to update the dismissal times on the Early Release Wednesdays document that was shared with families.</p>
Renaming school buildings			<p>Mr. Glasbrenner shared that each district in the State of Wisconsin has a district entity number. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) also has a school report card for each school building, which specifies grades in that building. With the grade configuration changes, the River Valley School District will be required to notify DPI to reassign grades for affected buildings.</p> <p>Glasbrenner and Peterson shared that for financial reasons, the “Elementary School” name will remain for the current building, which will contain grades PreK-2, but a new name is needed for the building which will now contain grades 3-6. Glasbrenner shared that the title “Intermediate School” is being considered and makes sense with other school districts. The Committee then discussed a name for grades 7-8 and “Middle School” or “Junior High” were discussed. Minich shared that “Junior High” makes sense with the name of “Intermediate School” but that “Middle School” may create some confusion on which grades are being referenced.</p> <p>Glasbrenner will share this information with the administrative team and gain feedback from staff. Ultimately, changes to grades and building names will have to be filed with DPI after the Board takes action.</p>

4K 5 day schedule			Mohr, Peterson, and Glasbrenner shared information they learned by meeting with schools in Baraboo, Cuba City, and Riverdale that each have a 4K schedule of attending 5 days per week. The RVSD 4K team was invited to these discussions and are proud of the work that we have accomplished. The team was thanked for their great work and for embracing the change from 4 days to 5 days. Mohr thanked the Committee for making decisions early so that planning can take place and communication to families can also be shared at the March 4, 2025, new student/parent meetings.
ELA Curriculum Update			Glasbrenner shared the progress of the English Language Arts team, which has been in the renewal/revision cycle this year. He and Peterson shared the piloting process and progress with ACT 20 legislation. Iausly asked about transitioning library collections. The team discussed advice that was presented and the work to be done in the coming months as we move from four school libraries to three collections in three buildings.
Correlation to Strategic Plan			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Implement the District's Curriculum Renewal and Design Plan. Refine the Curriculum Plan as warranted to include both academic and social-emotional curriculum, recognize individual student differences in learning, properly integrate technology, and take advantage of the District's unique assets.</li> <li>● Assure that teachers are well trained in and follow the District's curriculum and beliefs.</li> </ul>
Adjourned	Young	Minich	<p>Chairperson Cates adjourned the meeting at 5:51 PM. The team thanked Sara Young for her years of contributions and leadership, as this was her last C&amp;I Committee meeting in her role on the School Board.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm</p>