

River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: Curriculum and Instruction Date: 2-20-23 Meeting Time: 5:04 PM Adjourn Time: 6:15 PM Page 1 of 2

Present: Loren Glasbrenner, Sara Young, James Radtke, Carla Peterson, Deb Nelson, Shawn Duren, Kiley Cates, Fred Iausly

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
Notice of Meeting			Young called the meeting to order.
Approval of Agenda	Cates	Iausly	
Approval of minutes from prior meeting (12/19/22)	Cates	Iausly	
Staff Curriculum and Instruction Development Committee Updates: Professional Development			<p>PLC Update: Staff continue to meet and work ahead. One of the new thoughts is entrance and exit skills for each subject and grade level.</p> <p>District Facilitated Initiatives: Drafted language–<i>“District sponsored and approved initiatives will be granted credit advancement under the discretion of the district administrator. All district sponsored initiatives will be proposed to the River Valley School Board at the committee level.”</i></p> <p>Brian Krey provided information to Glasbrenner that the annual amount budgeted for credit advancement is \$35,700. Within the past years, the district has added money to base for credit advancement as indicated: October 2020 = \$12,400; April 2021 = \$4,400; October 2021 = \$17,200; April 2022 = \$3,000; October 2022 = \$15,200. As we have been under the budgeted amount annually, Mr. Krey doesn’t see any issue with 'district discretion' for approved training. Young asked the building administration for perspective. Peterson commented that elementary staff would appreciate money added to base salary. Iausly discussed the ongoing implications of recurring costs.</p> <p>Recommendation: Forward the language for the employee handbook to Budget/ERC as it pertains to teachers having additional credit advancement with approved initiatives.</p>
Curriculum and Instruction / Renewal and Design			<p>Glasbrenner shared the Math C&I Curriculum Meeting notes and agenda. He shared that there were very positive conversations and focused work for the half day. Another meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, 2/22/23.</p> <p>Iausly forwarded a concern about 8th grade Algebra course work, and how to continue to challenge high level learners. Glasbrenner explained steps taken to meet state standards. The discussion did discuss Gifted and Talented (GT) programming. Radtke spoke to how individualized the programming is when programming for advanced learners. Young spoke to students in years prior getting stuck in tracks of math offerings. Radtke and Glasbrenner each spoke to the identification processes that we are working on. Glasbrenner also spoke to the</p>

			high school math department developing their course sequence. Glasbrenner shared that a GT Coordinator at middle school was recently hired and there are projects underway.
District Student Assessments			The high school has been investigating PreACT testing to provide the high school with fall data. This is a replacement of STAR testing that was replaced at grades 1-8. This also aligns with state testing required for students in grades 9-11.
Technology Update			Duren shared steps taken in cyber security training. The district has implemented more secure log-in requirements. Shawn has network/switch upgrades planned for summer of 2023 (based on parts). Duren also shared plans for new Chromebooks being updated for grades 5 and 9. Senior Chromebooks are being shifted to second grade learners to provide more one-to-one access for students. Peterson reported that teachers are excited for these new opportunities. i-Pads (currently in second grade) will be rolled down to first grade to have more devices available.
Current Projected Enrollment/Scheduling	Iausly	Cates	<p>Glasbrenner shared three documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Teacher to Student Ratios and Projections Historical and Future January 2023 Architect Facility Study 2. Regional 4K/5K Class Size survey 3. Current Enrollment <p>Glasbrenner is seeking further direction from this committee for one of two choices: Reallocation of FTE or Reduction of FTE.</p> <p>Glasbrenner shared the enrollment projections specific to 4K and Kindergarten. Peterson shared that these classrooms are also limited by facility/space. Glasbrenner shared information about regional enrollment numbers and staffing for 4K and Kindergarten. Peterson spoke of two sites creating complications and limiting shared staffing possibilities. Iausly confirmed and spoke to the miles and staffing concern. Cates spoke to an appreciation of small class sizes/ratios for the youngest learners. Glasbrenner also presented new information about enrollment at 5th grade. Projected numbers for the middle school are rising due to transitions at a private school within our district. The committee spoke about forwarding information from this committee to the Budget/ERC committee to also analyze the data.</p> <p>Recommendation: Reallocate 1 position from 4K to middle school for staffing. (Share same data with Budget/ERC for further analysis.)</p>
Strategic Plan Correlation			<p>District goals and actions directly relate to the following items:</p> <p>I.B. Improve our students’ achievement, particularly those who are less economically advantaged.</p> <p>I.A.1: Maintain comprehensive programming</p> <p>I.A.2: Update all K-12 curriculum, incorporating the arts, technology, and STEM</p>
Adjourn	Nelson	Iausly	The meeting adjourned at 6.15 pm. Our next meeting will be held April 17, 2023 (5pm).