



LNSU/LNEMUUSD Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes
10/8/18

The committee elected Laura Miller as chair, and Lisa Barry as sub-chair. Eve Gagne was elected as minute taker.

Our next meeting date will be December 10, 2018

We discussed how the K-5 classes currently use the Bridges Math Program. This program seems to meet the needs of teachers and students.

Grades 7-8 are using multiple math resources, with math content specialists. These resources are made up of different programs/gateways, including Big Ideas, CMP (which is mostly literacy dependent, and has varying success with students who are not strong in literacy) and Illustrated Math/Open Up. Jade discussed how this last math program mentioned is directed via visual resources, and proving to be the favorite of teachers.

Wendy discussed her teachers' experiences with these resources and how the PLC communities in the middle school are faring with them. The advantages relayed to us included that they are open source, low cost, utilizing a high number of materials and resources to take students up to the next level of learning from where they left off in elementary school math.

The math programs mentioned contrast visual/spatial learning through observation with verbal instruction, and have resulted in increased teacher collaboration.

Laura mentioned that in her work, she is seeing kids coming up through from 5th grade math ready for 6th grade math.

Eve asked if there were other incentives that existed to inspire learning in math and other subjects such as contests, national clubs or groups and collaboration with other schools. Also, if peer learning/tutoring are employed, as well as learning clubs or homework groups.