

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education
Curriculum and Student Development Committee
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
5:30 PM
DHHS Library**

MEETING MINUTES

Steven Pynn called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Members present: Steven Pynn, Jen Gordon, Cathy Miller.

Also present: Seth Klaskin, Dr. Cooke, Gail Dahling-Hench

Recorder: Steven Pynn

1. **Review of Legislation.** Presentation by Gail Dahling-Hench

2. **Submission of Madison Program to State Department of Education**

PA#21-2 requires all boards of education to adopt one of five model curricula in ELA for grades PK through grade 3 by July 1, 2023 or submit an application to have their own curriculum as one of those model curricula. Madison has chosen to submit its curriculum for review as a model and thus continue its use. It is expected that the district will get a response from the SDE sometime after the beginning of July of this year. If the curriculum is not accepted the law states that the district can request a waiver and must document how it meets the needs of all subgroups and strategies for closing achievement gaps. That waiver must be granted by the Commissioner if it meets all the criteria.

The Assistant Superintendent made the case that the current curriculum is comprehensive with significant investment on the part of teachers who have largely adapted and shaped it. There was a three-week window for submission to the SDE of a model curriculum and Madison was able to respond within that small timeframe because of how extensive and comprehensive the curriculum is.

The process of Curriculum review was presented in detail with clear rubrics and teacher involvement. There was considerable discussion by members of the Curriculum Committee regarding the value of a comprehensive curriculum that is responsive to our students versus a commercial “one-size -fits-all” packaged curriculum. Highlighted was the continued improvement of our students even through the COVID challenges.

3. **ELA Coaches and Coordinators K-12**

Presentation for Adoption

- ELA Grades K-3
- Grades 6 and 8
- Journalism and Combat Literature

A comprehensive presentation by the coordinators and coaches of the above curricula complete with examples, video presentation of students and the adjustments and changes that have occurred to improve the coordination of reading and writing and a focus on profile of a graduate skills. There was considerable discussion regarding the teacher development investment and the deep understanding teachers have of the curricula and student benchmarks.

Action items:

1. A motion amending the Agenda on item three to the Presentation for Adoption by Jen Gordon, seconded by Cathy Miller and approved unanimously.
2. A motion stating, "The Curriculum Committee of the Madison Board of Education endorses the adoption of the ELA Curriculum and the submission of said curriculum to the SDE as a model curriculum". The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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