

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

11/7/22

Attendees: Timothy Van Tassel, Michelle Zawawi, Kris Pryce, Gina Olearczyk, Stephanie Holland, Christy Baril, Heather Goldstein, Kelly Colangelo, Shannon Couchon, Kate Guggino, Abby Bowtruczky, Samantha Schwartz, Kate Sweeny, Lauren Stiles, Louren Lockard, Maureen Sattan, Jamie Drzyzga, Tracy Cloyd, Melissa Finnigan

- I. Call to order: 3:36 pm
- II. MTSS: The MTSS teams from Spaulding and McAlister schools presented an update on their work into the MTSS process and student data collection. The MTSS teams are composed of administrators, curriculum coaches, lead teachers and support staff from each grade level. They meet regularly to analyze whole grade level data, individual class data with grade level teachers and individual student data when concerns arise. The assessments used to collect data are tied to grade level expectations and standards and is used to differentiate instruction, provide tiered interventions, and identify needs. They use a google suite as a platform which also provides resources to teachers for standards-based interventions.
- III. Suffield High School ECE Course Offerings: Stephanie Holland is our ECE site coordinator. She is working to expand our ECE course offerings for high school students as these courses give students who are interested in college credit an alternative to the style of AP courses which makes them take one test to demonstrate their learning throughout the entire year. These courses would provide our students with an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school using the early college experience pathway. These high school courses will be added over the course of a few years as the district has teachers complete the certification process.
- IV. McAlister World Language Update: Currently the administration at McAlister is recommending that we do not add a world language component back into the students' schedules. It has been difficult to find an elementary world language teacher, it would detract from our current curriculum and the work being done through MTSS and time would be taken from our STEM opportunities or other programs. We are hoping to provide an enrichment opportunity through the after school program.
- V. Adjournment: 5:45