

MINUTES

Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education

Curriculum Committee

Monday, February 13, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Flanders Room

Mitchell Elementary School

Present

Jonathan Kapstein, Chair
Carol Ann Brown
James Crocker (ex-officio)

Absent

Tikva Rose
Mike Devine

Also Present

Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning

I. Call to order

Jonathan Kapstein called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Next Generation Accountability Results/Assessment of Region 14 Educational Growth Based on Benchmarking.

A comprehensive overview of student academic performance in Region 14 was prepared by Dr. Fernandez and presented to the committee, with a presentation to the full board anticipated for Monday, February 27th. Performance and growth data were represented by the Next Generation Accountability Index and measured by the i-Ready Assessment, NWEA MAP Growth Assessment, and a District-Developed Tier 2 Vocabulary Assessment for students in grade 10-12. Dr. Fernandez's talking points included Actions Steps for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

III. World Languages Programs and Viability of Expansion

Mr. Kapstein raised the issue of expanding world language offerings to meet educational needs in the modern world. This is above and beyond the district's current selections of Spanish and French in grades 8-12, and American Sign Language in grades 9-12. Superintendent Murphy and Dr. Fernandez had preliminary conversations with considerations given to offer Mandarin in the 24/25 budget cycle and expanding Spanish to the middle school grades. Currently, Spanish is offered through after-school enrichment activities at the elementary level and French at the middle school.

Discussions ensued regarding the feasibility of securing an appropriately certified individual or one with a Durational Shortage Area Permit (DSAP) for Mandarin. A suggestion was also made to investigate sharing staff with area private schools.

IV. Math Program K-5/Reading K-3

Illustrative Math program at the elementary level will lead into grades 6-8.

Currently evaluating the Reading Program in K-3, waiver request will be submitted to the state this month with an anticipated response by July.

V. Distribution of AP US History Textbook for Review and Future Approval

The textbook was distributed with anticipated committee approval scheduled for a future meeting in March/April.

VI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patricia Paige

Board Clerk

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