

Mercer Island School District
Learning Services
4160 86th AVE SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040
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Meeting Notes

October 27, 2015

Instructional Materials Committee

Facilitator: Fred Rundle, Director of Learning Services • Note taker: Vanessa Adams, Learning Services

Members:

Leah Akins
Ilene Barnwell
Sally Bartow
David Baxter
Carol Best
Cameron Cummings
Andrea Dunbar
Natalie Escobar
Molly Fort
Rebecca Hedlund
Mark Jergens-Zmuda
Amanda Mattocks
Jason Meade
Lori Otto Punke
Anne Rubin
Jessica Weinman
Patty Weston
Brigit White

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Fred Rundle welcomed all new and returning members to the first IMC meeting of the school year. Fred went over materials that meet the threshold of school policy expectations. Members were given copies of Board Policy 2019 and Fred detailed 2019 procedure.

Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit by Committee for Children

Aimee Batiliner-Gillette proposed the *Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit* as a Core Curriculum at Island Park, West Mercer and Northwood elementary schools. She shared the history of *Second Step* at MISD. The program was adopted two years ago for grades 6 and 8. Lakeridge adopted it the following year. She stated that *Second Step* provides a social and emotional curriculum with age-appropriate lessons. It provides students with emotional tools for many situations, including resolving conflicts with friends. It helps to develop empathy. There are many kid-friendly pictures, videos, songs, and scenarios for role-play.

A member asked if *Second Step* would be presented to students as part of a health class. Aimee responded that since there is not a K-5 level health class, administrators and counselors would begin the unit in classrooms. Teachers would train online through Committee for Children. She cited a West Mercer focus group comprised of 4th and 5th graders who participated in the *Second Step*. One child stated that he was "really digging it." Another student said, "These lessons get to the point."

Several IMC committee members and a teacher shared their positive experiences with the pilot. Aimee said she has received positive feedback from colleagues.

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Vote: There was a motion to recommend to the Superintendent approval for adoption of supplementary materials at Island Park, Northwood, and West Mercer. The motion was seconded. All those present voted in favor. There were no abstentions.

Fred announced that he would send out proposed meeting dates for rest of school year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.