

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AGENDA

June 20, 2023

6:00 – 6:30 pm

Library Media Center, SMS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Bruno

James Garofolo

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools

Mary Sue Feige, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Jim Freund, Principal, SHS

Alana Zhingri, Interim Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Bruno called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairman's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. .5 Bilingual Teacher

Mrs. Feige stated we hope to post the position. It must be posted as bilingual, it can be hard to find a bilingual teacher who speaks Spanish, for one year it can be used as TESOL, the following year we can post it again as bilingual. ACES has suggested to us that we should provide professional learning.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Bruno) to send to the full Board for recommendation to approve a new position of a .5 Bilingual teacher.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo

MOTION PASSES: 2-0-0

B. mCLASS DIBELS 8th edition

Mrs. Feige said that the mCLASS DIBELS 8th edition can be used by all struggling students to access supports to become proficient readers. Tier 2 and 3 intervention to get struggling readers back on track with lessons. There are multiple measures depending where they are in development. A study showed that Dyslexia is present in 17% of school-aged children. That is a specific learning disability, that is neurobiological in origin. Mrs. Feige loves that it is offered in a dual language (English and Spanish), and said collaboration with the Special Education Department would happen. Ms. Bruno asked if this will be used as a screener. Mrs. Feige said that the program would be put in the hands on the Language Arts Consultants. They would test, and those who need Tier 2 and 3 intervention would be identified. For the first year, we would make sure that the Language Arts Consultants are familiar and comfortable with it before we put it in the hands of our teachers. Hopefully this will bring success that we are looking for. Ms. Bruno asked what the universal screener is that leads kids to be assessed. Mrs. Feige replied NWEA MAP. Ms. Bruno asked if this was more diagnostic than MAP. Mrs. Feige replied that the below level students would get testing through their Language Arts Consultant.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Bruno) to send to the full Board a recommendation to purchase the mCLASS Dibels 8th Edition.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo
MOTION PASSES: 2-0-0

C. Into Reading

Mrs. Feige gave a handout about the program and explained the summary of the program, and how it focuses on foundational skills.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Bruno) to send to the full Board a recommendation to purchase the Into Reading program.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo
MOTION PASSES: 2-0-0

D. NWEA Map – Seymour High School

Mrs. Feige stated we currently have NWEA MAP K-12, but the high school level really needs to focus on SAT and AP classes. Dr. Compton said IXL software is very useful for that. Mr. Freund commented that 33% of MAP is not aligned with SAT or AP, and how it takes too much instruction time away each year.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Bruno) to send to the full Board a recommendation to replace the NWEA Map program with IXL Assessments at Seymour High School

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo
MOTION PASSES: 2-0-0

IV. INFORMATION

A. IXL Expansion

B. Board of Education

1. Chairman Comments

2. Board Member Comments

C. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Bruno) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo
MOTION PASSES: 2-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by:
Alana Zhingri
Interim Board Clerk