

LNSU/LNMUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting  
January 8, 2024

5:31 PM Call to order

Members Present: Allen Audette, Tina Lowe, Amy Listenik, Monica Stearns, Stephanie Sweet

Staff Members Present: Valerie Sullivan, Mary Anderson, Diane Reilly, Denise Maurice

The agenda was approved by the group. Welcome back Val! Valerie thanked everyone for their support during her absence. She talked a little about the local common assessment program. There has been one administration of the NWEA Maps assessment, completed in the fall of 2023. Our schools are currently in the winter administration of the assessment. Denise shared that kids seem to be more serious when taking the assessments because they recognize their importance. The assessments are incremental so students and teachers can track student growth from year to year.

Teachers have expressed a need for more Math and Literacy intervention. In literacy, there is a need for more work in phonics as well as decoding, however, they are excited to see growth overall since last year. The elementary schools have adopted and implemented a program *From Phonics to Reading*. This program supports students in grades K - 2 and focuses on decoding, encoding, phonemic awareness, fluency, and sight word instruction.

There will be an inservice day for teachers Friday, January 12th. Students will have early dismissal while teachers will spend the rest of the day in Professional Development. Goals for professional learning and support include student engagement and curriculum alignment, MTSS plus intervention, equity and inclusion, and Restorative Practice. Friday's time will focus on local assessment data and school-specific data like attendance and behavior. Teacher teams will engage in collaborative discussions about the data, what it means, and consider possible next steps to respond. It will be a constructive and collaborative conversation. Diane and Mary are excited to hear from their teachers on Friday!

There will be a discussion about changes in the school calendar due to school closures.

Mary suggested it may be a good time for a new climate survey. These surveys let students and teachers check in about how things are going in their classrooms and buildings. The group agreed these should be done district-wide.

Val asked if anyone had anything they'd like to discuss at the next meeting. If there are ever any questions or discussion topics, please reach out to Val. There was a question regarding assessment data and the public's access to it. Val explained that aside from teachers, the Maps data is not currently shared with families. As a new assessment and new practice the district is focusing on supporting students and teachers with administration and getting teachers comfortable with the data. Before we share we need

to be confident that teachers understand the results and are able to accurately answer questions from families about the data. This will change in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

*Minutes submitted by Tina Lowe*