

# Instructional Leadership Council

## Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2023

**Attendees:** Julie Barker, Gina Brown, ~~Angie Carpin~~, Dwayne Cerbone, Heather Clayton, Maribeth Curran, Kathy Curtis, Shana Cutaia, Colleen Emmons, Liesa Ehrlich, John Halldow, Sarah Jacob, Amanda Kirkebye, Matt Kwiatkowski, Sheila Lecce, Lenore McPherson, ~~Kate Milne~~, Jodi Orman, Mark Puma, Teresa Roets, Tish Romas, Brian Shafer, Toni Stevens-Oliver, Melanie Ward, Elizabeth Woods, guest: Stephanie Barg, guests: Science Standards Leaders Caitlin Salerno, Dennise Zobel.

**Chairperson:** ASI Melanie Ward

**Co-Chair:** Julie Barker

**Note Taker:** Laurie Hummel

*Approved Minutes are on the Pittsford School District ILC webpage and members can access in Microsoft Teams.*

**Agenda/Updates:** Approved.

**Minutes from January 5, 2023 meeting:** Approved.

**Standards Area Update:** Science Standards Leaders shared the K-12 changes happening in the science curriculum and instruction.

The Leaders presented an activity typically used to introduce students to new curriculum illustrating how the students are guided to discover solutions to their own questions about phenomena presented. It is an exciting way to teach by engaging the student's curiosity.

### Presentation points:

- The new standards require not only new curriculum content at many grade levels but new approaches to instruction.
- At the elementary level, efforts are being made to create units that integrate science and ELA.
- The standard and expected 3-dimensional learning means that we are developing students to be critical problem solvers while making science real and relevant in our local area.
- There is a consistent format K-12.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take a new state science test beginning in the spring of 2024.
- There are required investigations aligned with the standards that students will need to participate in prior to taking the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade assessments.
- The new science standard provides more natural opportunities for teachers to differentiate the learning. Heterogeneous classes bring out deep thinking.

- AP Science courses/assessments have already been updated to reflect the same demands at the NYS P12 Science Learning Standards.
- PTSA asked for information and a possible presentation for parents.

**ILC Goal Work - High Leverage Instructional Moves.** The committee returned to the work that was started at January's ILC meeting, making connections between identified instructional moves and the PCSD Next Generation Skills.

Guiding question: What are the instructional moves that if implemented with fidelity support a culturally responsive-sustaining learning environment while ALSO supporting the SEL Benchmark goals AND the PCSD Next Generation Skills?

- The committee refamiliarized themselves with the 5 areas of the [Next Generation Skills rubrics](#) created by ILC. Attention was given to the skill area descriptions and the target level (where we want our students to be).
- The committee worked in groups to match criteria in the five rubrics to the instructional strategies that surfaced at last meeting.
- Matches were written on a spreadsheet and after sharing with the large group, were given to the ASI to process.
- Discussion held around what a living document would look like as a tool for curriculum writing and professional development showing connections to Next Generation Skills and how to infuse them into the classroom.

**Constituent sharing/News:** ILC members share feedback/updates from their constituent groups regarding work related to ILC goals as well as any other news as a quick roundtable.

- CRMS is excited to bring back their traditional pep assembly on Friday before break.
- BRMS: In celebration of Black History Month, students and staff are challenged to read a work from the Celebrate Black Voices Library Collection.

The BRMS "Morning Bark" announcements have been featuring Profiles in Perseverance highlighting influential black Americans that changed history.

Scott Fitch is coming to the Middle Schools to do a "Pause Before You Post" presentation about social media. He has already presented to all of our high school students and will present to parents at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Power Hour.

- MHS is having their 1<sup>st</sup> Heritage Day with booths in the commons. This is a student driven event.

MHS: The Virtual Enterprise class placed 1st in Regional Round for Business Plan. They will compete in April at National Round in NYC.

MHS held a dance Thursday evening that was a success.

- Program of Studies night is happening at MHS and SHS.
- One PCSD Middle School and three High School Art students were awarded for [their entries](#) at the RIT "Start Here" exhibit. Fourteen other PCSD students had their artwork selected to exhibit.
- TR: Best Buddies club is back with over 50 students signing up!
- PTSA has grant funding for program enrichment. Information and an application can be found on the PTSA [website](#).
- PR added to their poster collection for Black History Month. Posters of influential black leaders with QR codes telling their story are all around the building.

**Share out:** ILC continues to work on Goals.

**Next meeting:** March 2, 2023