

Ottawa Hills Local Schools

Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting

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April 24, 2024 – 1:00pm

Village Green District Conference Room

1. Meeting Called to Order 1:00

Present: Maara Fink, Kathy Lathrop, Adam Fineske, Bill Miller, Ben McMurray

2. Items for Discussion

A. State Mandated ELA Adoption Update

Bill Miller presented the decision made by the Elementary Curriculum Professionals Committee to adopt Wit and Wisdom as the K-6 ELA curriculum. State funding will be provided to subsidize this purchase. Currently, that amount is \$59,687.21 with the possibility for additional funds, according to the state: "It is possible (although in no way guaranteed), that additional funds may be made available to support the cost of compliance with this provision" (April 2024).

B. Resource Adoption Cycle

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
School Years	2024-2025 2030-2031	2025-2026 2031-2032	2026-2027 2032-2033	2027-2028 2033-2034	2028-2029 2034-2035	2029-2030 2035-2036
Review & Adoption	World Language --- Science Health & PE	Math	STEAM	Social Studies	Business Guidance	ELA
Professional Development	ELA	World Language --- Science Health & PE	Math	STEAM	Social Studies	Business Guidance
Revision of Course of Study	Business Guidance	ELA	World Language --- Science Health & PE	Math	STEAM	Social Studies

Bill Miller presented the 10-year plan for resource adoption. This is a return to a cycle that has often been disrupted due to financial constraints. The committee discussed the importance of holding this process as firm as possible because it is at the heart of program development and review.

C. Rethinking Public Speaking Requirement

Bill Miller informed the committee that the high school team is currently exploring alternative ways for students to meet this local graduation requirement.

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D. Update on Community Service Requirement Exploration

Bill Miller informed the committee that the committee formed on February 16 to explore this topic is taking a look at how and why a course might best be added to the junior high offerings. This committee will continue to meet next year.

E. MTSS & the HS Schedule

Bill Miller sought clarification from the members present about the timeline for exploring how the high school schedule might better serve the district's desire to implement MTSS. There was consensus that the goal of reaching a conclusion by December 2025 was reasonable, and that communication about that process is a priority.

F. Defining our Core

The committee discussed the fact that the Core of academics at Ottawa Hills goes beyond the minimum requirements set forth by the state and our commitment to continue doing so while still reexamining "the how" in terms of efficiencies of talent and time.

G. U.S. News and World Report

The committee discussed the community's response to this report. Bill Miller and the other administrators will continue to address any concerns expressed.

3. Items for Possible Board Approval

A. None

4. Additional Issues or Concerns

A. None

5. Adjournment at 2:30

Please contact Bill Miller at (419) 536-2713 with any questions you might have about this meeting.