

LNSU/LNMMUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting, 10/14/24

5:15 pm Call to Order

Members Present: Stephanie Sweet, Tina Lowe, Phil Kiely, Allen Audette, Monica Stearns, Amy Listenik, Kyle Hill, Betzi Goodman, Diane Reilly, Kim Hunt, and Jen Hulse

The group approved the agenda and there was no public comment.

Tina nominated Stephanie for Committee Chair, Stephanie accepted the nomination and she was voted in unanimously. Stephanie nominated Tina to be Minute Taker, Tina accepted the nomination and she was voted in unanimously.

Kim and Jen talked about goals to establish for the year. Among them are focusing on Literacy and Math. Students will undergo evaluations in these areas and we anticipate good progress. Math may need extra attention. Another goal is concentrating on Proficiency-Based Learning. Teachers, students, and families are still getting used to the different benefits and challenges of this system. Jen added that we need to also focus attention on the mechanics of handwriting and keyboarding.

Allen asked how Infinite Campus is coming along. The principals agreed it is proving to be a valuable tool for attendance and student info, but we need to work on report cards next and Infinite Campus should make that information more accessible and relatable to families and caregivers. Diane commented on the S'MORE app in Infinite Campus. She explained how helpful it is in communicating with parents and caregivers.

Jen spoke briefly about assessments. She said we should look at how much assessing we're doing and try not to evaluate the same skill over and over.

Diane and Betzi wanted the committee to know that curriculum alignment in our elementary schools is going very well and the expectation is that all students transitioning from elementary to middle school will be equally prepared.

Monica asked if the courses we approved last spring were put into action. Kim is going to look into which courses are currently running.

Diane said we should include continued focus on MTSS as one of our goals. The group agreed.

Allen asked how professional development went last week. Betzi offered that Eden Central School worked on curriculum. Diane said paraeducator instruction is coming along nicely and commended Jen on this work. Overall, the professional development days are invaluable.

There was no new business so the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.