

Minooka Elementary School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Education and Curriculum Committee
District Office Board Room

Thursday, January 9, 2025

1. Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Adrienne McKerrow, Chief Academic Officer. All attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Present: Rachel Kinder, Adrienne McKerrow, Adam Shainberg, Monica Totaro, Sarah Monroe, Anita Stimac, Jennifer Garapolo, Stacey Tucker, Jeana Pekol, Adam Shainberg, Mike Tonelli, Jeffrey Shelby, Maymi Heaser, Gina Ruggeri and Lori Shanholtzer.

2. Purpose - This committee reviews recommended changes in curriculum as well as student handbooks. This committee will also function as the required Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee, which will assist in the development of student discipline policy and procedure, and provide information and recommendations to the Board.

3. Old Business

- **Standards Based Grading**
 - Standards Based grading will be tabled until teams collect the data and finish the process. Teams will also be looking into common assessments to make sure they are in agreement and alignment.
- **IL Literacy Plan**
 - The Literacy Plan Committee is doing outstanding work. There are areas that need to learn and grow and we will be getting feedback from parents to make sure we have information from all stakeholders.
 - Currently we have phonics programs for K2 but did not realize we did not have a grade 3 curriculum for phonics. The committee will be looking into how we can implement it.

4. New Business

- **Social-Emotional Learning**
 - CHAMPS program has been started at Jones and Minooka Junior High. We will continue to implement it at all of the other schools. CHAMPS will help students and staff communicate and ask for help.
 - Reviewing our MTSS program on all three Tiers. Need to make sure that the system is fluid for all students to move through the program and to be more consistent in all buildings.
 - DESSA Screener is missing a voice from students. We will look into possibly adding to our current screener. Also we are looking at Panorama.
 - SEL Update - Looking into what can be implemented to help students. Discussion of how to incorporate more SEL time into Fine Arts might have to change schedules or changes within our student services supports.
- **Public Curriculum Maps**
 - Nearly all ELA and Math curriculum maps have been updated to the district website. Information on how to access it will be shared with parents in the next newsletter.
- **New Illinois Postsecondary and Career Expectations**

- We currently have systems in place that expose students to different paths, but looking to increase access and learning more. Starting 2025-2026 school year we will need to have a plan outlined for 6-8. Discussion took place that we could implement in a study hall time or a Fine Arts rotation. All of the requirements will need to be researched and see what the best needs of our students will be.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 6, from 5-6 p.m. and discussion will take place regarding parent/student handbooks, discipline, literacy plan and curriculum maps.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary