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Student Performance and Achievement (SPA) Board Committee Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2025

Board of Education member present: Judy Westra

District staff present: Beth Rayl, Chief Academic and Innovation Officer; Dr. Denise Lilly, Executive Director of Elementary Education; Kevin Karr, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development; Jonathan Flukes, Director of Data, Assessment, Research, and Evaluation; Joe Amabile, K-12 Curriculum Coordinator for Math and Innovation; Catherine Williams, K-12 Curriculum Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts; Dave Turrill, Tonda Elementary Principal; Kristin Bertoia, Instructional Coach; and Susan Provenzano, Executive Assistant to the Chief Academic and Innovation Officer

Citizen representatives present: Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz and Megan Rutkowski

Student Voice in Action representative present: Hudson Lloyd

Others present: John Johnston, community member

Committee Chair Judy Westra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the February 5, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

B. Public Comments: None

C. Presentations/Discussions

   A. **Welcome to our new citizen representatives:** The committee welcomed citizen representatives Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz and Megan Rutkowski to the meeting. Citizen representatives are committee members who serve for a two-year term.

   B. **Elementary Program Highlights: Focus on Instructional Coaching:** Dr. Denise Lilly, Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Kristin Bertoia, Instructional Coach, shared a presentation focused on the positive outcomes of instructional coaching at the elementary level as demonstrated by improvement in NWEA foundational skills and DIBELS assessment results for kindergarten and first grade students. The SPA committee members discussed the results and provided feedback on the presentation, which will be shared at the Board of Education meeting on March 11, 2025.

   C. **Piano Studies Course Materials:** Kevin Karr, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development, and Catherine Williams, K-12 Curriculum Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts, shared a proposal to

purchase advanced-level textbooks for Piano Studies. Implementation would be for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. The entire cost for the textbooks would be $1121.20. The request was approved to move to the full Board of Education meeting for a first reading on April 7, 2025.

D. **Middle School Math Instructional Materials Purchase:** Kevin Karr, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development, and Joe Amabile, K-12 Curriculum Coordinator for Math and Innovation, shared a proposal to purchase Chromebook tablets for use by middle school math teachers to support math instruction using Amplify Demos. Implementation would be for the 2025-2026 school year. The $22,086.00 purchase would be from the 2024-2025 budget. The request was approved to move to the full Board of Education meeting for a first reading on April 7, 2025.

E. **Out-of-country Field Trip:** The committee reviewed one out-of-country field trip and approved it to move to the full Board of Education meeting for final approval on March 11, 2025.

Board member Judy Westra called for an adjournment at 6:18 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at that time.