

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting
March 25, 2025
Suffield Middle School Room C120

Attendees: Superintendent Dunbar, Assistant Superintendent Zawawi, Gina Olearczyk, Nikki Kupec, Heather Goldstein, Christy Baril, Kris Pryce, Gianna Rossi, Deb Dudack, Michael Sepko (by phone), Sam Schrager, Dom Casolari

Call to Order at 8:30am

Update on CKLA Elementary Program, Bridges Elementary Program, Secondary Programming:

Heather Goldstein gave a review on our new math program, Bridges.

Important takeaways:

- K-2 implemented a part of the curriculum called Number Corner and it is going very well. (2 K classes and 3 2nd grade classes are piloting the entire program)
- 3-5 implemented the entire program and has increased their math time to 80 minutes a day.
- The new program allows for them to do a spiral review of the curriculum throughout the year.
- Favorability of the program by the teachers has increased over the year due to collaboration and increased Professional Development.
- Much of the program allows for student lead discussions as well as more routine and structure during math lessons.

Christy Baril gave a review on our ELA program, Amplify CKLA.

Important takeaways:

- K-2 implemented the entire program and has increased the ELA time to 120 minutes a day.
- 3-5 have some classes piloting the program this year in preparation for the full implementation next year. Kris Pryce feels that the program is a good fit for grades 3-5 after being concerned that the content would not be suitable for 5th grade in her review of the program last year.
- Favorability of the program by the teachers has increased over the year due to collaboration and increased Professional Development.
- Much of the program allows for more focused time for each lesson as well as more student interaction.

Future Steps:

- Request is being made to move a current Math Interventionist to McAlister to better serve the needs of students.
- Reviews are being done of the Data Warehouse to ensure that we can keep good statistics on Math and ELA results that can easily be entered into a system and can be extracted for MTSS.

- Will convene again next year to see how the implementation is continuing and if there are any budgetary needs in the future.
- By the end of next year grades K-5 will both be fully implemented with both Bridges and Amplify/CKLA.

Sam Shrager and Dom Cosalari left the meeting at 9:20am.

Mike Sepko left the meeting at 9:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44am.