

Programs & Services (Thursday, February 25, 2021)

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Members present: Barry O'Connor, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter

Meeting called to order at 7:45 AM

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With respect to the gravity of the current public health emergency, we have made every effort to streamline this meeting as much as possible while still focusing on items that are essential to the current and future operations of the District. As such, there will be no opportunity for public comments this morning. If you have comments you wish to share with the Committee, you are welcome to submit them in writing. Comments can be submitted to Donna Goetzke at goetzkedonna@asd.k12.wi.us (preferred) or mailed to 131 E. Washington Street, Suite 1A, Appleton, WI, 54911. All written comments submitted will be distributed to all Programs & Services committee members. We appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time.

Minutes from Programs & Services Meeting on January 14, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by Deborah Truymen. Final Resolution: Motion Carried. Aye: Barry O'Connor, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter

Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Mid-Year Report

The AGR program, formerly known as Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE), was established in the 2015-16 school year by the DPI. Badger, Columbus, Edison, Foster, Horizons, Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools signed five-year contracts to participate in the AGR program. Contracts signed under the AGR program require schools to implement one of three strategies, or a combination of the three. Since the 2015-16 school year, the strategy chosen has been to create small class sizes of 18:1 or 30:2 for students in grades K-3. It was noted that a smaller class size makes it easier for teachers to monitor student needs to determine the targeted interventions required, provide differentiated instruction, and build relationships. Mid-year data was shared along with the positive instructional impact the program has had on students. Staff at schools participating in the AGR program are required to meet yearly to determine the rigorous but realistic district-wide performance objectives. For continued funding, the AGR program requires school board review of implementation and progress toward achieving performance objectives in each participating school at the end of every semester.

Appleton Bilingual School Charter Contract Five Year Renewal

The Appleton Bilingual School (ABS) contract revisions were shared along with their accomplishments and the progress made on the charter school goals included in the contract previously approved in 2016. The revised contract clearly defines the ABS educational program, the structure and role of the ABS governance board, the methods that will be used to measure student progress, recruitment and admission of students, and parental involvement. The revised contract includes the elimination of sixth grade and the addition of 4K; it is anticipated that 4K will be offered as an option for families starting with the 2022-23 school year.

ABS students receive instruction in a dual language educational model, specifically in Spanish and English. Both Spanish-dominant and English-dominant students study and learn together at each grade level in an approximately 50/50 ratio of each language group. There are currently 126 students enrolled at ABS.

Motion to approve the Appleton Bilingual School five-year contract renewal. Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by Deborah Truymen. Final Resolution: Motion Carried. Aye: Barry O'Connor, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter

Request for Wisconsin Connections Academy Charter Contract Renewal

Wisconsin Connections Academy (WCA) presented a request for a one-year charter contract renewal. The renewal will allow the current charter contract to remain in effect until June 30, 2022. WCA has had a large influx of enrollments due to the current pandemic; the school's enrollment increased by approximately 125% during the 2020-21 school year. A one-year contract renewal will enable WCA staff to continue navigating the ongoing conditions of the pandemic and maintain their focus.

Motion to approve the Wisconsin Connections Academy one year contract renewal. Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by Deborah Truymen. Final Resolution: Motion Carried. Aye: Barry O'Connor, Deborah Truymen, Kristine Sauter

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM

Future Meetings & Topics (Virtual)

March 25: FCLA Contract Renewal; Foster Charter Contract Renewal; Classical Charter Contract Renewal
April 15: Approval of Summer School Courses; School Wellness Policy Data