Curriculum and Student Development Committee Minutes

January 13, 2026

Call to order: 5:00 pm

Committee Attendees: Cathy Miller (Chair), Mary Ann Connelly, Jessica Wilen

Other Attendees: Gail Dalhing-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; teachers

German exchange program logistics (seeking board approval)

- German day exchange in Freiburg led by **Martin Glasser** with **Laura Scott** co-organizing; program operated for several years and involved **120 families** to date.
- Trip logistics: **10 days / 10 nights** with students staying with host families, weekday school attendance and **five** day excursions; scheduled **June 25–July 6**.
- Costs and chaperone arrangements: estimated per-student cost ≈ **$2,200** (nonstop airfare, meals, luggage); host families provide full board for one chaperone while the other chaperone covers ~50% of accommodations and personal food.
- typical group size **14–20** students; inbound group had **20 girls** in October housed with **19 families**
- In terms of Safety and operations: organizers carry school cell phones and maintain direct parent contact; German teachers assist; students may be relocated if housing is unsuitable;

SchooLinks rollout

- The district has adopted SchooLinks as the main guidance and counseling tool **(second year after a 1-year pilot)**.
- SchooLinks is used with all high school and middle school students for career exploration, college applications, and counselor-led classroom lessons.
- Students will upload artifacts to build a portfolio in SchooLinks that follows them through **12th grade**.
- High school pilot targets **3 graduation-required courses** — personal finance, civics, independent study — exposing students to **7 of 10 capacities**, with uploads and reflections to track growth over **four years**.
- More user-friendly than Naviance, it is a social-media-like interface with **Google single-sign-on** increased teacher and student engagement and prompted other schools to arrange shadow visits.

Mastery transcript & AI

- District piloted the Mastery Transcript Consortium with volunteer juniors to develop a parallel transcript.
- Mastery transcript records credentials across **five** capacities via student-submitted evidence and review; school-length portion requires at least **6 artifacts** from grades **6–12**.
- Transcript remains accessible for **five years** post-graduation and is used by **over 700 colleges**.
- Advisory will deliver AI literacy prioritized for SEL using customizable Ed Advance modules; counselors and teachers will review and adapt a prioritized set of lessons this year. As with all of our curriculum, we will weave in what works best for our students
- mastery transcript provides a more systemic, student-driven credentialing and portfolio for competitive college/work contexts, highlighting the soft skills on which the capacities

Ajourned at 5:44