

EPLC

Educational Programs Leadership Council - The Grosse Pointe Public School System

Meeting Minutes
Date: March 4, 2026
8:30-10:30
Barnes PLS

Meeting called to order: 8:41 a.m.

PRESENT: Holli McNally, Sara Dirkse, Courtney Dykstra, Pam Albrecht, Andrea Doherty, Taylor Barczyk, Andrea Gruenwald, Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Ryan Boyd, Jessica Bryan, Natalie Vassel, Lillie Loder, Jacqueline Shelson, Emily Rennpage, Lisa Rheume, Kevin Shubnell

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Math Committee Members: Nicole Filicia, Melanie Danley, Molly Collins
Social Studies Committee Members: Rodger Hunwick, Rebecca Churray

II. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Agenda for March 4, 2026
Motion to approve: Sara Dirkse; 2nd: Jackie Shelson; All approve
- B. Review of Proposed Minutes from February 4, 2026
[EPLC Minutes 2.4.26](#)
Motion to approve: Jackie Shelson; 2nd: Sara Dirkse; All approve
- C. Approval of Elementary Math Curriculum
 - 1. [Slide Deck](#)
 - 2. [Memo](#)

The committee spent the last year and a half reviewing materials.

6, 7, 8th grades do use Illustrative, so this would be the first time the curriculum goes from K - 8. We're also hoping to use Imagine Math for y5's - 5th.

All 5th-grade teachers are currently piloting the Illustrative Curriculum for the 25-26 school year.

Discussion of concerns about the immediate rollout because of new ELA curriculum.

New program helps address MICIP issues.

Teachers would love to bring back grade-level meetings in school to discuss the new curriculum, including what works and what doesn't.

The strategies provided by Illustrative made it more accessible for students through our resource programs.

This program is very heavy in manipulatives at every grade level.

Maybe we should have our teachers present the curriculum first before we have the company representatives come in and roll it out.

This new curriculum is not more literacy-based, but it is more conversation-based in comparison with other

Motion to approve: Taylor Barczyk; 2nd: Andrea Gruenwald; All approve

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D. Approval of Middle School Social Studies Curriculum

1. [Slide Deck](#)
2. [Memo](#)

This is so important to update because our current curriculum is more than 25 years old.

Another option is free texts on RESA. They are not great and are not updated information.

The amount of work our social studies teachers have to do now to stay up to date is not sustainable.

All of our current social studies teachers are familiar with this product.

Motion to approve: Ryan Boyd; 2nd: Jackie Shelson; All approve

III. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Strategic Planning Updates

1. 2/7 8-hour committee work

Met with the consultant, exciting great day, literacy in all curricular areas

2. 3/10 4-hour admin work

Same consultant meets with admin

What are implementations going to look like?

B. [MICIP Updates](#)

Met with all teams in the past couple of weeks, shared their data from Fall.

Root cause activity to find ways to address it or make an action plan.

Focusing on action plans we currently have in place, how do we know these plans are working?

Feedback goes from MICIP group to MTSS group.

C. Curriculum Updates

1. Magnet Review Committee

- a) Referral Process

Started with data instead of parent recommendations, then went to teachers, then parents

- b) Magnet Committee Meeting - March 13, 2026

CORRECTION: MAGNET MEETING IS MARCH 12TH

2. PE/Health/AHE/FCS

- a) Subcommittees meeting in March

- b) FCS Presenting at April EPLC meeting

3. Performing Arts/Drama

- a) First meeting February 9th

- b) Next Meeting date - TBD

4. Math

- a) Elementary - EPLC Today, BOE March 23

- b) High School - First meeting February 12th

5. Social Studies

- a) Middle School - EPLC Today, BOE March 23

6. Report Card Committee

- a) Request for Committee members went out to staff this week

New standards no longer match the items listed on our current report cards.

Will there be a change in when report cards go out? Can we align it with conferences?

Next meeting - April 8, 2026

- **FCS Presentation**
- **PD Updates**
- **Any additions by Committee Members?**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Beth Walsh-Sahutske; 2nd: Jackie Shelson; All approve

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.