Minooka Elementary School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Education and Curriculum Committee — Thursday, October 1, 2026
District Office Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Adrianne McKerrow, Chief Academic Officer. All attendees introduced themselves to the group and Adrianne explained the purpose for the committee.

October 1, 2026 Presentation

Present: Adrianne McKerrow, Katie Dawson, Amber DeGregorio, Jennifer Garapolo, Katie Glavin, Elizabeth Greenwood, Nicole Horrigan, Kim Lago, Julia Lowry, Gina Ruggeri, Adam Shainberg, Ashley Shepherd, Katherine Tonelli, Mike Tonelli, Monica Totaro and Lori Shanholtzer

- **Strategic Plan Update**
  - Went over the Strategic Plan Overview and LearnerTraits. Discussed Adult commitments and how the adults, parents and the system can support the Learner Traits that we want to instill in our students.

- **Math Curriculum Resource Review**
  - Highlighted from Math Curriculum Team meetings items they are looking into. Starting with good math instruction, then will review our current curriculum resources to determine if we need to search for other resources. One item discussed at length at the curriculum meeting was Math vocabulary discrepancies between Eureka Math and Envision Math. However, our district data shows that students quickly rebound from the discrepancies.
  - No curriculum will check mark all items (of the perfect math block listed) but will have to prioritize which needs attention.
  - Will visit each building to listen to staff about the current resources we have and see if we need to look for new resources.
  - After data collection and review, we will determine if a pilot is necessary. This is our last year on the math contracts, they will end at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 school year. Will have an update at January's meeting.

- **AI Update**
  - The district has purchased Magic School and is using Gemini. These are SOPPA and District approved. We will be going slow and steady on AI, using it to help with standards and data analysis with staff. Staff will be trained prior to using it with students in a safe platform (Magic School).

- **Report Card/Grading**
  - Sent out a survey to get feedback on report cards/grading system to families. Once we have back we will form a Report Card Committee to go through the data.
  - Currently we have about 75 parents who have taken the survey and our goal would be to have at least 200.
  - It was brought up to see if the principals could send with their newsletters to get more visibility on the survey.

- Discussion how this is the first step in improving our grading and reporting. Showed the committee data how there are discrepancies between IAR, NWEA MAP and Grades.
- Once Parents share what they want on a report card, a committee will review how those reporting features can be accomplished, followed by any necessary Grading Learning for staff and parents, and then an updated grading system will be rolled out. Looking at a two year process.

- **Kindergarten Update**
  - Kindergarten screenings and roundups went very well this year. We will be meeting at the end of the month to see what improvements, if any are needed.
  - Next year, the state is mandating a full day kindergarten option that will likely have guidelines for play-based learning. Discussed the research that suggests how important and impactful play-based learning is for our youngest learners.

- **Summative Designations**
  - Summative Designations were shared with the committee and they are listed below:

Aux Sable Elementary - Commendable
Jones Elementary - Exemplary
Minooka Elementary - Exemplary
Walnut Trails- Exemplary
Minooka Intermediate - Approaching Exemplary
Minooka Junior High - Approaching Exemplary

  - State data is embargoed until Oct. 30, 2026.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Emily Conquest, President

Stephen Blount, Secretary