

# Pathways Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2018  
Educational Services Center  
Room 610  
7:00-9:00 PM

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Business</u>   |
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| 7:00-7:10   | Welcome, Introductions, and Approve Agenda<br>Mike Jones, Chair |

Motion to approve agenda made by Maribeth. Motion seconded by Lisa. Motion to approve agenda carried.

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| 7:10-7:20 | Committee Purpose and Charge<br>Mike Jones, Chair |
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Mike provided an overview of the committee charge. The committee is charged with making certain curriculum review committees follow the process approved by the school board to review our curriculum and adopt materials to support it. The committee advises the school board on the execution of the process. More information can be found in Minnesota Statute 120B.11 and School Board Policy and Regulation 616 (provided to committee members).

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| 7:20-7:30 | Learning & Teaching Department Overview<br>Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching |
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Andy provided an overview of the department, including the rationale for restructuring and the role of the committee in advising on matters related to Curriculum & Instruction.

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| 7:30-8:00 | World's Best Workforce Goals: Data Presentation<br>Dave Heistad, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment |
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Rescheduled due to illness.

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| 8:00-8:15 | <a href="#">Curriculum Review Process Overview</a><br>Rachel Gens, Curriculum and Instruction Director |
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Rachel provided an overview of each phase of the review process and updated the committee on the areas that will be focused on this year. Rachel invited committee members to participate on each of the curriculum review teams and provided the dates each team will be meeting.

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| 8:15-8:30 | <a href="#">Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) Grant</a><br>Rachel Gens, Curriculum and Instruction Director |
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Rachel provided an overview of the SRCL grant and the project objectives. She also requested committee input on how schools could partner with parents and families to support literacy development at home. Committee members offered the following ideas:

- Organize theme nights around books- art project related to book, watch the movie version of the book
- Continue Scholastic book fairs (support programs to provide books to students who cannot afford to purchase a book at the fair)
- Facilitate and/or provide resources for parent/child book clubs
- Provide examples of questions parents can ask when reading to/with their child
- Work with teachers on identifying common language/strategies to support learning

- Provide training in comprehension strategies
- Provide summer reading lists- customized to skill/reading level, interests
- Offer book recommendations
- Organize “all school reads”- celebrate with a movie based on the book or an art project around that book
- Organize royal/mystery readers- invite parents to come in and read a book/chapter over lunch hour
- Help problem solve around access to books
- Provide support for parents- reading in native language & help finding books in multiple languages
- Provide demonstrations of ways to read to kids at parent info nights
- Provide coaching sessions/mini-seminars for parents- e.g., how to choose books when you are at the library, how to support vocabulary development when reading with your child
- Facilitate a district-wide effort to do Scholastic book club sponsorship (bring to PTSA council)

8:30-8:40 Election Process  
Mike Jones, Chair

Mike asked committee members to consider serving as a chair, vice chair, and/or secretary and to let him or Rachel know if interested. Elections will be held at the next meeting.

8:40-8:55 Other Topics for Discussion

Committee would like an update an early childhood/elementary alignment and CCR planning.  
Committee would like an update on Health (K-12) curriculum review and an opportunity to learn more about the health curriculum.

8:55-9:00 Closing  
Mike Jones, Chair

Lisa made a motion to adjourn. Natalie seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2018

|                  | <b>Phase 1: Initial Curriculum Review</b> | <b>Phase 2: Units of Study &amp; Assessment Development</b> | <b>Phase 3: Implementation</b>              | <b>Phase 4: Mid-Cycle Review</b> | <b>Phase 5: Implementation</b>   |
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| <b>2018-2019</b> | Art & Music<br>Health (K-5)               | Health (6-12) & PE<br>(K-12)<br>ELS                         | Math<br>World Language<br>CTE<br>Counselors |                                  | ELA<br>Science<br>Social Studies |



