

Pathways Advisory Committee Agenda

Monday, May 6, 2019
Educational Services Center
Room 610
7:00-9:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Maureen Bartolotta, Amy Bustos, Briana Eicheldinger, Jim Houlding, Mike Jones, Natalie Peterson, Beth Maiwurm, Rachel Gens, Andy Kubas

<u>Time</u>	<u>Business</u>
7:00-7:05	Welcome and Approve Agenda Mike Jones, Chair

Motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded, and carried.

7:05-7:35	BPS English Learners Program Beth Stenglein, EL Program Supervisor
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Beth provided an overview of the EL program in BPS. The program serves about 1300 students (13% of our enrolled population). There are 32 EL teachers in the district. The program is provided at all elementary, middle, and high schools. Spanish and Somali are our largest language groups. We have about 74 languages other than English spoken by our students and their families. There is a uniform process endorsed by the state for identifying ELLs. It begins with the Minnesota Language Survey (completed by parents/families). Any student whose family reports another language is spoken in the home is assessed. Most students are identified when they start Kindergarten. There are 3 main types of ELLs: new to country, long-term learners, and SLIFE. The ACCESS test is used to determine students' levels of English proficiency. Beth provided information about program goals and how staff are addressing the challenges experienced by ELLs.

7:35-8:05	Striving Readers Grant Update & Local Literacy Plan Feedback Rachel Gens, Curriculum & Instruction Director
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Rachel shared an update on the practices that were focused on in the Striving Readers grant and the outcomes. Priority practices for next year include providing small group and individual instruction, using ongoing observation of children's language and literacy development to inform instruction, making culturally sustaining efforts to foster literacy motivation and engagement, and providing explicit instruction in phonological awareness and letter-sound relationships. The team provided feedback on the K-5 and 6-12 local literacy plans. The survey can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/LLP1920>.

8:05-8:35	General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education Omnibus Bill• Enrollment Projections• Early Ed. Alignment and College & Career Readiness Workgroups• Curriculum Review Plans for 2019-20 Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching Rachel Gens, Curriculum and Instruction Director
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Legislation includes proposed changes to the World's Best Workforce law (accountability), the tiered licensure system, achievement and integration plan (leveraging funding to recruit and retain a diverse staff), and a requirement for the Commissioner to develop a model sexual health program.

Enrollment continues to remain steady at about 10,000 students.

Early Ed. Alignment plans focus on increasing the number of preschool seats at IM, VVE, WB, and OGE, strengthening the co-supervision model, and increasing alignment between preschool and Kindergarten programs. College and Career Readiness plans include a focus on expanding PGP use to help students

plan their pathway, strengthening core instruction, and expanding students' options to meet graduation requirements.

Science, Media Art, Dance, and Theater will be in Phase 1 of the curriculum review cycle next year. Music, Visual Art, and K-5 Health will be in Phase 2.

8:35-8:50 Charge Reflection & Nominations for 2019-20 Officers
Mike Jones, Chair

Mike asked for the group to reflect on whether they were able to learn about and offer feedback on topics they were expecting. Amy commented that it would be helpful for the committee to consider how to share the information with other parents. Jim asked about changes to the committees charge- does the committee still generate the annual report? Do PAC members still participate on the review teams? Rachel indicated that PAC members are invited to participate on the review teams. Carla indicated she had the opportunity to participate on the K-5 Health team. Mike asked for ideas about how we could get more people to participate in the committee. Briana suggested having PAC members visit schools' PTA meetings. Carla will share information at the PTSA Council meeting. Mike will put together a summary of the work PAC did this year to assist Carla with this.

Mike thanked everyone for their work this year and suggested conducting the election of officers in the fall of 2019.

8:50-9:00 Closing
Mike Jones, Chair

Mike asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Next Meeting: Oct. 7, 2019