



AGENDA

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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February 1, 2010

LOCATION: Conference Room A/B

TIME: Immediately following the Business Services Committee meeting, but not before 6:15 p.m.

- I. Call to Order

- II. Public Comment

- III. Curriculum Development
 - A. Wisconsin Partnership for Childhood Fitness Project
 - B. Virtual Learning Committee Recommendation

- IV. Updates and Reports
 - A. Foreign Travel Update

- V. Consent Agenda Items

- VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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BACKGROUND

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Jamie Graper and Connie Bohn, physical education teachers and Physical Education CII Committee Co-chairs, along with members of the Physical Education CII Committee, will be present to discuss the District's participation in a unique offer from the DPI to participate in the Wisconsin Partnership for Childhood Fitness Project.

Through Ms. Graper's efforts, the DPI has offered to purchase FitnessGram software for all buildings in the District if the District agrees to submit aggregate data to the DPI on student fitness levels at the sixth grade level at a minimum, and possibly the seventh and eighth grade levels. This offer will allow the District to keep longitudinal data on student fitness levels and also provide parents with the results. The funding provided by the DPI for this purpose is \$6,037.

FitnessGram assesses three areas of health related fitness: Aerobic capacity; body composition; and muscular strength, endurance and flexibility. The assessment items are as follows:

Aerobic Capacity

- PACER test
- One-mile run/walk
- Walk test (13 years or older)

Body Composition (one option is selected)

- Percent body fat
- Body mass index

Muscular Strength, Endurance and Flexibility

- Abdominal strength and endurance (curl-up)
- Trunk strength and endurance (trunk lift)
- Upper body strength (push-up, pull-up, flexed arm hang)
- Flexibility (back-saver sit and reach or shoulder stretch)

East Junior High School has used the software for the past two years, and Chris Feidt, physical education teacher, has agreed to provide professional development to the rest of the physical education staff at the upcoming February 15, 2010, Professional Development Day.

To participate in the project, the District will need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment A).

Participation in this project places the District in a proactive place related to current discussion taking place at the state level related to fitness and nutrition. Senate Bill 313 is currently being debated by the Wisconsin Legislature for implementation in the 2010-2011 school year. The Bill has two areas of focus: 1) Improving nutrition by removing soda and candy from school vending machines; and 2) Improving student fitness by testing students' fitness levels every year and sharing the results with students and their parents.

Sharon Toellner, Director of Instruction, and Bryon Kolbeck, Director of Technology, have been working together to determine the logistics related to implementation of FitnessGram. Although the District has been presented with a short timeline, Ms. Toellner and Mr. Kolbeck feel the project is doable. The DPI would like a decision on the District's participation in the project by February 2.

The administration recommends approval of the participation of WRPS in the Wisconsin Partnership for Childhood Fitness Project and the acceptance of funding from the DPI for the purchase of FitnessGram software in the amount of \$6,037.

B. Virtual Learning Committee Recommendation

At the January 4, 2009, Educational Services Committee meeting, a report was given on the work of the Virtual Learning Committee. At that time, Educational Services Committee members were informed that the Committee would be bringing a short-term recommendation for implementation of virtual learning in the District at the February meeting. The timing of this recommendation is important because it coincides with open enrollment timelines.

A virtual learning pilot program is being recommended to meet the needs of families currently in a virtual program who wish to continue, able learner students who need additional programming options, homebound students, students in a home-based environment or students with unique circumstances.

The Virtual Learning Committee has developed a list of guidelines for the pilot program (Attachment B). Areas addressed include:

- o Enrollment Procedures
- o Online Attendance
- o Course Payment
- o District Coordination
- o Computer, Internet and Technical Support
- o Curriculum and Course Materials
- o Virtual Learning Requirements
- o Grades/Assessment

The Committee identified these areas by reviewing sample policy documents from a number of other districts. Ultimately, in the long-term, policy language will be developed for Board of Education approval. However, in the short-term, these pilot guidelines will provide a reference point as situations arise.

Virtual Learning Committee members will be present to answer questions related to the pilot program and/or guidelines.

The administration recommends approval of a virtual learning pilot program to be implemented following the Virtual Learning Pilot Guidelines with a summary report of the pilot to be provided within one year.

IV. Updates and Reports

A. Foreign Travel Update

Cindi Borski, Lincoln High School German teacher, will be traveling to Germany this summer with five LHS students. The tentative dates are June 24 to July 3, 2010. The program being used is EF Educational Tours, a program with 40 years of experience conducting student tour groups with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. Ryan Christianson, Principal of LHS, will be present to answer any questions related to the trip.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to decide which items should be placed on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by Committee Chair after consultation with appropriate administration depending upon other agenda items, presentation information, and agenda availability.

Future agenda items/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- World Languages Curriculum Report (March)
- Social Studies Curriculum Report (March)
- Response to Intervention Report (March)
- Youth Options (April)
- Agenda Planners (May)
- RCHS Curriculum Update (June)
- WKCE Results at Grades 3-8 and 10