



MINUTES

Anne Lee, Chairman
John Benbow, Jr.
Katie Bielski-Medina
Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
John Krings
Mary Rayome, President

February 1, 2010

LOCATION: Conference Room A/B

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Jr., Katie Bielski-Medina, Sandra Hett, Anne Lee and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Davis and John Krings

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Crist and Sharon Toellner

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Curriculum Development

A. Wisconsin Partnership for Childhood Fitness Project

ES-1 Motion by Katie Bielski-Medina, second by John Benbow, to approve the participation of WRPS in the Wisconsin Partnership for Childhood Fitness Project and accept funding from the DPI for the purchase of FitnessGram software in the amount of \$6,037.

Sharon Toellner, Director of Instruction; Bryon Kolbeck, Director of Technology; Jamie Graper, Physical Education (PE) teacher at Howe and PE CII Co-Chair; Connie Bohn, PE teacher at Woodside and PE CII Co-Chair; and Chris Feidt, PE teacher at EJH, were present to discuss an opportunity from the Department of Public Instruction to participate in fitness testing in physical education classes.

Ms. Toellner stated that the DPI has offered to purchase K-12 licenses for FitnessGram assessment software at a cost of \$6,037. FitnessGram is an assessment software that would allow teachers to standardize the District's

approach to fitness assessment. The software would be available in all 13 buildings. There will not be any annual licensing fee. Senate Bill 313 is currently being debated in the Wisconsin Legislature. If the bill is passed, fitness testing will become mandatory statewide in the 2010-2011 school year.

Ms. Graper reported that District physical education teachers currently use portions of the Presidential Fitness Challenge to assess student fitness; however, teachers are not assessing in the same manner as one another. FitnessGram will assess aerobic capacity, body composition, and muscular strength, endurance and flexibility in students K-12. Teachers will be able to access any student's results, allowing standardized fitness assessment results to follow students who may move to other schools in the District. Students will have access to their individual assessment results, allowing them to compare previous years' results and learn about activities that will help them increase their level of fitness. Ms. Graper stated that the FitnessGram program also provides a printout for parent review.

Mr. Feidt is currently using the FitnessGram program at East Junior High School on one stand alone computer through a DPI grant. Mr. Feidt will provide training on the FitnessGram program at the upcoming February 15 Professional Development Day. Physical education teachers will also participate in a webinar on the product.

Ms. Toellner explained to Committee members that the DPI has requested a District response to the offer by February 2, 2010. If the District chooses to participate, anonymous aggregate student data for identified grades at the middle level would be submitted to the DPI.

Mr. Kolbeck stated that the DPI's offer to provide FitnessGram will assist in setting the District up prior to the requirement for fitness testing becoming mandatory.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Virtual Learning Committee Recommendation

ES-2 Motion by Katie Bielski-Medina, second by Mary Rayome, to approve 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.

Sharon Toellner, Director of Instruction, and Bryon Kolbeck, Director of Technology, were present to discuss the Virtual Learning Committee's proposal for a pilot program.

Ms. Toellner explained the pilot program is intended to better meet the needs of students who are currently in a virtual program and wish to continue, able learner students who need additional programming options, homebound students, students in a home-based learning environment, and students with unique circumstances.

The enrollment process will include an application and a meeting with school personnel to develop an individualized program plan. Ms. Toellner stated that new students will be required to complete student registration by the third Friday in September, and those outside of the WRPS District must obtain an approved open enrollment agreement.

Students participating in the virtual learning program will be encouraged to take at least one on-campus course and participate in co-curricular activities. As an example, Ryan Christianson, Principal of Lincoln High School, explained that although there is a virtual learning physical education course offering, students in grades 10-12 will be required to attend at least one on-site physical education course to receive a diploma.

Ms. Toellner reported that student attendance will not only be based on performance, but also include participation in course activities.

At this time, the District will pay for the approved online courses for those students participating in the pilot program.

Mr. Kolbeck explained the following to Committee members:

- District can assist with minimal hardware, software and Internet needs.
- Students at the elementary level who are already using K12 curriculum will be allowed to continue with this vendor through grade 12.
- Students at the secondary level will use the curriculum provided by CESA 9 Wisconsin Virtual School.
- Elementary students will meet the requirements of the fourth grade advancement policy and secondary students will meet the requirements of the eighth grade advancement policy.
- Virtual students are required to participate in state assessments.
- District assessments such as STAR Reading, STAR Math, MAPS, and Trophies will be used to monitor virtual student progress at the elementary level. Students at the secondary level will be assessed through their coursework.

It was also noted that virtual students must follow the rules of their home school.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates and Reports

A. Foreign Travel Update

Ryan Christianson, Principal of Lincoln High School, informed Committee members that Cindi Borski, Lincoln High School German teacher, will be taking five students to Germany June 24 – July 3, 2010, through EF Educational Tours. This trip is separate from the junior high school foreign exchange program.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Wisconsin Partnership for Childhood Fitness Project
- ES-2 Virtual Learning Committee Recommendation

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 include, but are not limited to:

- Secondary Science Acquisition Recommendation (March)
- 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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.