



## Council For Instructional Improvement

February 25, 2026 8:00 - 11:00 am

Meeting held in the Professional Learning Center  
510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

*The purpose of the CII is to oversee and guide the work of the district's curriculum & instruction, and professional development committees, focusing on improving the education of each student in WRPS.*

## NOTES

1. Introductions/Setting the Stage/Grounding our Work (8:00 - 8:15)
2. Group Norms
  - a. *Be respectful of the viewpoints of others and communicate in a clear and concise manner.*
    - *Considering opinions/viewpoints*
    - *Minimize distractions (be present)*
    - *Confidential and supportive*
    - *Be good listeners*
  - b. *Have a meaningful, clear agenda with an approximate time schedule to follow and use a parking lot as needed for each item.*
  - c. *Respect group decisions.*
  - d. *Begin and End on Time*
  - e. *A variety of food and beverage choices should be available.*
3. Changes in the Curriculum Department (8:15 - 8:20) *Information*

Roxy discussed the changes in the Teaching and Learning Department with the departure of Jen Wilhorn. Julie Kolarik will be taking some of the Teaching and Learning Department's work as well as still working with Pupil Services. Those details are still being worked out. Brian Wilhorn will join the department as the District Reading Specialist. We look forward to both additions to our team!
4. Review of [Professional Development Plan](#) (8:20-8:30) *Information and Discussion*

Members were asked to look over the WRPS Professional Development Plan. This is intended to be a long-term document and will not be updated for a few years. Everyone was in agreement that the Professional Development Plan is good for quite a few years. Roxy briefly discussed the 2026-2027 Professional Development Day Schedule. We will be bringing back the grade level team meetings on PD Days. There will also be no virtual PD Day in the summer, but professional staff will earn 2 PD hours for completing the HR and IT beginning of the year and tech security requirements.
5. Curriculum Acquisition Purchases Updates (8:30 - 9:15) **Advisory Vote Action**
  - a. 4K Updates

Teri Thomas and Alyssa Krueger presented the 4K curriculum pilot choices and the curriculum that they have chosen - Kickstart. An advisory vote was taken on this acquisition.

    - i. Curriculum Maps and Early Learning Document
    - ii. Curriculum Resource Recommendation

- b. Bridges 3rd Edition Elementary Math  
Kim Akey presented the results of the Bridges 3rd Edition Pilot. There were 28 classrooms that participated in the pilot. An advisory vote was taken on this upgrade.

**BREAK (9:15 - 9:30)**

6. Schedule of CII meetings moving forward (9:30 - 9:45) **Advisory Vote Action**  
There was discussion regarding the timing of the CII meetings for next year. There are times that subs are an issue so do we move meetings to outside of the school day? Possibly more meetings with a shorter length? An advisory vote was taken on the timing of CII meetings.
7. Referendum Updates (9:45 - 10:15) - *Information and Discussion*  
Ron had a presentation regarding the upcoming referendum. There will be numerous opportunities for the public to attend informational meetings and have questions answered before the referendum vote in April.
  - a. Buildings and Boundaries Committee - *Information and Discussion*  
Ron also discussed the forming of the Buildings and Boundaries Committee. This committee will look at the elementary boundaries and possibly redraw those boundaries.
8. Curriculum Acquisition Cycles (10:15 - 10:50)  
The current Curriculum Acquisition Cycle was discussed. We need to be sure that our acquisition cycle is in line with the State Academic Standards updates and approvals. Members were put into groups, given an acquisition cycle chart with the dates of the state standard approvals, and a set of questions to answer regarding the acquisition cycle. Ideally, we would be doing an acquisition of materials a year after the standards are approved by the state. More work on this will be coming!
  - a. Brainstorm ideas to move forward
9. Exit Ticket/Wrap Up (10:50 - 11:00)
10. Next meeting: **April 22, 2026 - Noon - 3:00** - Last meeting of the 25-26 school year