



## Council For Instructional Improvement

### NOTES

April 23, 2025

8:00 - 11:00

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.*

#### 1. Norms/Setting the Stage/Grounding our Work (8:00 - 8:10)

- a. Approval of [CII Meeting Minutes of 2/26/25](#)  
*Minutes from 2/26/25 were reviewed and approved*
- b. Group Norms
  - i. *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*
  - ii. *Have a meaningful, clear agenda with an approximate time schedule to follow and use a parking lot as needed for each item.*
  - iii. *Respect group decisions.*
  - iv. *Begin and End on Time*
  - v. *A variety of food and beverage choices should be available.*

#### 2. MSTC Business Management Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree - (8:10-8:30)

MSTC staff was in attendance to present the MSTC Business Management Associate in Applied Science Degree program. This would allow Lincoln High School students to graduate with a full Associate's Degree. There are also technical diplomas within the degree that can be earned while in high school. There are no changes to any LHS courses and this will be presented to the board on May 5, 2025.

#### 3. **Information/Discussion**

#### 4. Acquisition Updates (8:30 - 9:15) **Information/Discussion**

- a. 4K ELA  
Teri Thomas was present to discuss the 4K ELA pilot programs. So far, 13 teachers have piloted two programs, but were not in a position to choose one yet. They will keep exploring other products until they find the right fit. Teri will return in the fall for another update.
- b. K-12 Music  
Jeanne Olson and Amy Ulrich were present to discuss the K-12 music acquisition needs. They discussed how their maps were changed to a unit-based curriculum. This allows greater flexibility, better comprehensive planning, strategic instruction, common assessments and Canvas integration. They presented two tiers of acquisition items. Tier 1 is a top priority and tier 2 needs are not as critical, but definitely needed. This proposal will go to the board on May 5, 2025. The CII overwhelmingly approved asking for BOTH Tier 1 and 2 items when presenting to the Board.
- c. 6-12 ELA  
Melanie Kozlowski and Abby Kreisa were present to discuss the secondary acquisition needs. They have been formally piloting materials since the spring of 2024. They are requesting funds for Achieve3000, CommonLit Essentials Pro and WeWillWrite. The CII overwhelmingly approved the acquisition request with only 2 members voting as undecided and the remainder as a Yes vote. This will also be presented to the board on May 5, 2025.

#### 5. Required CII Presentations for Course Modifications (9:15 - 9:30) **Information/Discussion/Decision**

- a. [Notes from October 25, 2022 CII Meeting](#)
  - i. Course Fees
  - ii. Prerequisite changes

Course fees and prerequisite changes were briefly discussed and members were asked to fill out a brief ballot and make any comments necessary. The results will be shared with the Central Office administration and possibly brought back to CII in September.

#### 6. **Break** (9:30 - 9:40)

7. **ITL Standards and Other Technology Updates (9:40 - 10:50) *Information/Discussion***

Phil Bickelhaupt and Jamie Jestadt were present to discuss the state ITL Standards and how WRPS can follow these standards. WRPS is in need of updating how technology is taught in K-5. A K-5 Technology and Library Staffing Plan was discussed. Approximately 110 elementary teachers were surveyed regarding technology education in elementary schools. The CII feels there is definitely a need for the four 1.0 FTE that are being proposed, however budget constraints stand in the way. The plan proposes a way to create a new "specials class" (combined with library time) to provide the needed technology instruction. Further discussion at various levels is needed before moving forward with anything.

8. **Farewells and Parent Representative Term Discussion (10:50 - 10:58)**

- a. Val Sydorowicz - Art
- b. Lisa Banks - School Counseling - *Lisa will be staying on CII for another 3 years*
- c. Teresa Matulewicz - Language Arts - Elementary
- d. Jen Rehberg - Math
- e. Megan Thayer - K-2 Representative
- f. Jaymi Dake - 3-5 Representative
- g. Ben Goodreau - Parent Representative
- h. Shelly Eberlein - Parent Representative

9. **Wrap-up and Exit Tickets (10:58 - 11:00)**

**2025-26 Meetings**

*Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - 8:00 am - 11:00 am*

*Wednesday, October 22, 2025 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm*

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

*Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm*