



KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION ~ COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Curriculum Committee
Date: November 4, 2020 Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Kankakee Junior High School, 2250 East Crestwood St, Kankakee, IL 60901

Committee Members present:

Mrs. Barbara Wells
Mrs. Angela Shea
Mrs. Mary Archie

Committee Members absent:

Other attendees:

Mrs. Felice Hybert
Mrs. Jennifer Way
Dr. Cheryl Muench

A quorum was declared present.

Meeting called to order at 5:00

Mrs. Archie a made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Wells seconded the motion. Minutes we approved as submitted.

Mrs. Hybert reviewed the first quarter assessment data. She advised the board that this year we will have one assessment tool for all students in grades two through twelve. STAR will be used for all of these students which will enable us develop history and better track benchmarks for each student in reading and Math. AIMSWeb will continue to be used for our first grade students. While reviewing the data, Mrs. Hybert informed the board that not all seniors had been tested, which skewed the numbers. The high school is working hard to get the remaining seniors tested. She also brought their attention to the increase in 10th grade math scores. She attributes this to the Illustrative Math curriculum being piloted at Kankakee High School. This program is in its second year at KHS. Adding high quality curriculum to the CBE platform is showing its effectiveness through our test scores.

While the test scores are not where we would like them to be, Mrs. Hybert told the board that the lack of high quality instructional materials, lack of accountability and monitoring and deficit thinking has resulted in low expectations for our students.

Continuing to provide teachers with high quality instructional materials and monitoring grade level assignments has already shown us that we can do better.

To better support our teachers and students, Mrs. Hybert shared with the board the number of teachers piloting high quality instructional materials in our district this school year. All of these programs are rated green on EdReports. Currently in our district we have 52 teachers piloting Amplify CKLA, a K-5 ELA curriculum; 27 teachers piloting Amplify ELA, a 6-8 ELA curriculum; 23 teachers piloting Amplify Science, a 6-8 science curriculum; 41 teachers piloting the 6-12 Illustrative Math curriculum; 27 teachers participating in the K-5 Illustrative Math Beta Pilot Program; 28 teachers piloting Eureka Math; all 7th grade teachers are piloting a new interactive social studies program; all high school ELA teachers are piloting Guidebook ELA and all of our 7-12 ELA and drama teachers have access to Digital Theatre.

Mrs. Hybert shared a brief video on Amplify CKLA and Illustrative Math to give members a better example of each program. CKLA is based on knowledge building, which is the key to reading and well as raised expectations. When you raise expectations, the students raise up to meet them. IM Math presents a different way to get kids engaged in math. It is a problem-based program that taps deep critical thinking skills. Both high quality programs have been proven to help raise reading and math scores.

Mrs. Hybert reviewed the curriculum progress made by our two curriculums with the assistance of CEC. We have two committees working on our curriculum project with CEC. The first is Curriculum Development. This committee has a faculty member from each grade level and meets one Wednesday a month. The second committee is Curriculum Management, They also meet one Wednesday a month. Felice shared a sample of some of the work these two committees have completed.

Our Student Support Interventionists want to increase our student's access to digital books. After much research, the district has purchased the SORA app for student use. This app gives them access to digital books. We are currently working to collaborate with the Kankakee Public Library. Once that is completed and online, our students will have access to all of their digital books and resources through this app. This will allow students to continue to read new books without having to go to school or the library to check them out.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Wells and seconded by Mrs. Archie. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.