



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

Committee: Curriculum Committee

Date: February 10, 2021

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

Committee Members absent:

Mrs. Mary Archie

Other attendees:

Mrs. Felice Hybert

Mrs. Jennifer Way

Mr. Bohlen

A quorum was declared present.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 and the pledge recited.

Mrs. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Wells seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Mrs. Hybert and Mrs. Way reviewed the STAR Winter Benchmarks. Elementary math scores have not increased, but given that we are in a pandemic, we are very pleased that they have not decreased either. 2nd through 4th grade has seen an increase which we feel is a result of piloting Illustrative Math and Eureka Math for our elementary students. Our high school math scores have improved. Mrs. Hybert credits this to the second year pilot of new math curriculum, Illustrative Math.

Our reading scores have gone down, but it was noted that only 2,605 students had testing. Instructional Programs is working with principals and teachers to determine the cause of the dip and why not all students have been tested.

New this year is the use of STAR assessments for second through twelfth grade students. First grade students will continue to use the AIMSweb Assessment. The STAR program is also a data warehouse so teachers can review all student data and adjust instruction accordingly.

The next update was on the Freckle program. The program automatically adapts to individual students skill level and is a great resource for students. We are experiencing a heavy use in the elementary classrooms but are working on increasing usage. We are currently using this resource for math and ELA but it does offer support for science and social studies too. Other resources used to support our students are Lexia and Zearn.

Mrs. Hybert shared a full list of instructional materials used throughout the district in the 2020-2021 school year. This list did not include the pilot programs. Felice's goal this year is to host a curriculum preview night, inviting parents and teachers to preview materials.

Kankakee School District partnered with Dr. Rachel Ramirez as a Bilingual Program Consultant during the first semester. Dr. Ramirez conducted a Bilingual Needs Assessment. The full report was shared. Mrs. Way told the committee that we need to build upon or rebuilding our Bilingual program to address the increase in Spanish speaking students and families.

Mrs. Way told the committee that the State of Illinois is moving forward with their annual state assessment testing. The IAR testing window is March 15 through May 15. The ACT will be administered on March 2 and April 15. The state is working on scheduling the PSAT and the SAT.

Glows & Grows is a new segment that Mrs. Hybert and Mrs. Way added to update the Board Curriculum Committee on good news and growth within each school and program.

Our curriculum teams are working on way to help students who are endanger of retention. They are also reviewing data from our high quality pilot programs. The Journey's reading curriculum for K-6 will be phased out by the end of this school year. We will continue our pilots and plan to adopt a program by the end of next school year.

Instructional Programs is working with principals and teachers reviewing grade level assessments. Norming of grade level assessments is important to ensure that everyone is seeing the same thing when reviewing student work.

Mrs. Hybert reported that buildings are working very hard to reach students at risk for retention and put an instructional plan in place to avoid retaining each student.

Rumor buster – Mr. Bohlen had heard that we were in the process of eliminating our libraries. Mrs. Hybert assured him this was not the case. We will continue to work with our current media specialists and instructional specialist to be sure students receive the guidance they need to develop library and research skills.

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