

Merrill Area Public Schools

MAPS Mission Statement: *Merrill Area Public Schools, in partnership with the Merrill Community and our families, will empower students to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and productive community members.*

Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting Wednesday – October 14, 2020

4:30 PM

Merrill High School LGI Room

(1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Karen Baker, Ron Liberty, Keshia Mashak, Glenda Oginski, Kendra Osness, Jon Smith (voice responses for Linda Yingling), Dr. John Sample, Linda Yingling and Maria Volpe

Meeting called to order by Maria Volpe at 4:35pm.

**For upcoming CTP meetings, Jon Smith will not be sitting on the CTP Committee.

Committee members absent: Keshia Mashak

Additional Board Members In Attendance: Kevin Blake, Brett Woller

Additional Administrators in Attendance: Shannon Murray, Megan Kautzer, Ryan Martinovici, Mark Seaman, Heather Skutak, Amy Stutziem, Alex Mashak, Dawn Nonn, Jill Seaman, and John Hagemeister.

Remotely: Trisha Detert, Linda Yingling

One member of the public was present.

- II. Approval of the [September 9, 2020, Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the September 9, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes by Liberty, seconded by Osness. Motion carried.

- III. Curriculum

1. Student Monitoring Reports

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Glenda Oginski.

Informational only.

Glenda Oginski gave a district overview of the 2019-20 school year and extended thanks to each administrator for their dedication and hard work. Each building administrator presented their building-level data. Question and answers provided through each presentation. Closing the presentation, Glenda presented cumulative

data, as a district, for both reading and math. Overall K-9, 48 percent below grade level in Reading and 49 percent below grade level in Math.

2. Summer School Report

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Alex Mashak.

Informational only.

See topic summary from Assistant Principal, Alex Mashak, above.

He presented information on the 2019-20 summer school program as he will be taking over the summer school program for 2020-21. The summer school program, for 2019-20 was in a virtual format. The high school summer school program was also virtual.

3. Snow Days and Counting Instructional Minutes

This agenda item was added at the request of a Board Member.

Is there a need for snow days given the virtual format? Snow days will be as in the past. If the district gets to a 7th, 8th, 9th snow day, a virtual format may be implemented. Instructional minutes had previously been added in the 2020-21 school calendar.

Should there be further discussion to have virtual days for snow days? Review for the 2021-22 school year to consider discontinuing and moving to virtual snow days.

IV. NEOLA Special Update - Personal Protective Equipment During Pandemic/ Epidemic Events

[NEW Policy 8450.01 Personal Protective Equipment During Pandemic/ Epidemic Events](#)

Neola is offering the [attached policy](#) related to Personal Protective Equipment. The purpose of this policy option is to enable Board to authorize administrations to implement and to adjust PPE requirements during a public health crisis situation. Boards are to be informed of such efforts and always have authority to determine specific direction in this area. The policy does have the option of requiring Board approval of any such measure as well. The purpose of the policy; however, is not to establish or implement any type of PPE requirements, but rather to establish the authority to do so and to provide some parameters for such requirements.

As we have all worked through many unprecedented and unpredictable challenges, Neola has consistently opined that the policy lesson is that flexibility and adaptability is critical. This policy, like others prepared and or revised as a result of the pandemic, this policy is designed to maintain a significant amount of discretion and – importantly – flexibility in terms of implementing specific requirements, including in response to mandates or changes in public health guidance, as well as modifying requirements once implemented to adjust based on changing circumstances.

It is up to the CTP Committee if this is something they would like to forward to the full Board or not, and if so, recommend which options to Select.

Discussion to not move this policy onto the full board as the facemask mandate covers this topic as well as implementation into the dress code expectations.

V. Consolidation Plan Update

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Dr. John Sample and Dale Bergman.

Informational only.

Move to CTP Committee for further discussion. Final information at November BOE.

VI. Standing Agenda Item for Policy Review by CTP Committee

Please see the attached [main index](#) for Committee review of policies.

[5335 Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs](#)

[5350 Student Suicide](#)

[5430 Class Rank](#)

[5517.01 Bullying](#)

[5520 Disorderly Conduct](#)

[5540.01 Investigations Involving Suspected Child Abuse](#)

VII. Potential Items for Future Meetings

High School Virtual Option Information piece to be presented at October Board Meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:57pm.