

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

Tuesday – December 18, 2018

5:00 PM

BOARD ROOM

MAPS Central Administration Building

(1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Karen Baker, Gerald Beyer, Eric Geiss, Keshia Mashak, Paul Proulx, Dr. John Sample, Maria Volpe and Linda Yingling

Meeting called to order by Eric Geiss at 5:01 pm.

Present Karen Baker, Gerald Beyer, Eric Geiss, Keshia Mashak, Paul Proulx, Dr. John Sample, Maria Volpe and Linda Yingling

Absent - none

- II. Approval of the [November 27, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
Motion to approve by Volpe. Seconded by Proulx. Motion carried.
- III. Selection of New Chair
Motion by Yingling, second by Proulx to nominate Maria Volpe as committee chair.
Motion carried.
- IV. Curriculum
 - A. ACT data follow-up, student preparation and testing specifics

Mr. Murray was in attendance to further explain ACT data follow-up. Scores typically go up as students take more advanced classes. Students self report the classes that they take and it appears that students reported incorrectly the class that they had taken, per conversation with ACT officials. This does not impact overall score for the district. ACT test prep, for in school and out of school, students take rigorous courses. Formal prep includes Method Test Prep at no charge as well as English 11 English curriculum test prep. Also, use of exemplary test questions model ACT type tests. ACT is actually more of a reading test with regard to test taking. Sophomores take ACT Aspire Test. Once a month practice tests are taken which are also scored. Accommodations are granted for students with an IEP. ACT is administered off-site to meet all ACT testing requirements.

B. ESEA Audit Update

Previous acts were shared to explain acronyms. The audit will be in February 2019. We will have all questions answered prior to the site visit. Update will be given after audit results are received.

C. [MAPS standardized testing calendar](#) and [MAPS Assessment Summary](#)

See links. Formative and summative assessments are given. District and state assessment are also given. AimsWeb is a quick monitor to see how well an intervention is working. MAPS testing is given three times per year.

IV. Pupil Services

A. [YRBS \(Youth Risk Behavior Survey\)](#)

YRBS is given every other year. Social Norms survey is given on the off Year. Changes this year include standardized questionnaire with all Questions the same for every student. There are four optional subtests. MAPS students will take the adversity, protective factors, and mental health Questionnaire. Testing window is February 25 - March 15, 2019. There is passive consent which means a parent has the option to not have their student participant. The survey is anonymous.

V. Technology

A. [Filtering Information](#)

MAPS filtering system has different categories that are allowed and blocked. These categories are reviewed with the superintendent to be proactively cautious. Filtering companies have teams that continually monitor and review websites. On occasion sites need to be either whitelisted (allowed) or blacklisted (blocked). Staff call the help desk if a site needs to be blocked or unblocked. The MAPS systems admin reviews sites for teacher/staff request. Then the site is reviewed in detail, and unblocked sites are sent to technology director and superintendent. For example, blogs are blocked as well as radio stations for students, but not staff.

B. [Apple Lease](#)

The 4K-12 iPad Apple Lease will go to the December 19, 2018 board meeting. MAPS will continue to use the current Macbooks because the latest model eliminates USB ports, which are still needed by staff, and the current Macs are still in working condition.

VI. Potential Items for Future Meetings

Transgender processes in place to accommodate all students.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Proulx, second by Yingling to adjourn at 5:47 pm. Motion carried.