

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 – August 13, 2019

3:30 PM

BOARD ROOM

MAPS Central Administration Building

(1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Karen Baker, Keshia Mashak, Glenda Oginski, Dr. John Sample, Christi Stellingworth, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling, and Paul Proulx.

Meeting called to order by Maria Volpe at 3:34 pm.

Present: Karen Baker, Keshia Mashak, Glenda Oginski, Dr. John Sample, Maria Volpe, Linda Yingling, and Paul Proulx.

Absent: Christi Stellingworth

Others in Attendance: Kevin Blake, Amy Raddatz

- II. Approval of the [June 12, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve by Yingling, seconded by Proulx. Motion carried.

- III. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Merrill Area Public Schools & Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin

Please see the attached [Memorandum of Understanding](#).

I recommend a motion to forward the Memorandum of Understanding between Merrill Area Public Schools and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin for the 2019-2020 school year to the full Board for approval.

Motion to approve by Proulx, seconded by Yingling . Motion carried.

- IV. Curriculum

1. Merrill High School and Kate Goodrich Elementary Assistant Principal Update

Megan Kautzer is Associate Principal at Merrill High School and Alex Meshak is Associate Principal at Kate Goodrich. A press release has gone out and both administrators participated at the Studer ALT Retreat as well as the District Data Retreat. Both are participating in meetings and the transition is going well.

2. Summative Monitoring Reports

This item was tabled at the July 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting for further discussion. Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Glenda Oginski.

Summative monitoring reports will include PK-12th grade. This allows all data to be similar. Benchmarks will be given three times per year. An example is included in the topic summary sheet. Visual data will also be included broken down by grade level.

3. Student Achievement Data

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

Data is currently embargoed. Completed purchase of FastBridge Learning for progress monitoring. More details to follow.

V. Pupil Services

1. School Health Services Agreement for 2019-2020 School Year Grades 4K-12

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Karen Baker.

I recommend a motion to forward the approval of the Lincoln County Health Department School Health Services Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year for Grades 4K-12 in the amount of \$100,440 to the full Board for approval.

Motion to approve by Proulx, seconded by Yingling. Motion carried.

2. 2019-2020 School-Based Mental Health Grant

This is at a Board member's request from the July 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. It was asked if the school district applied for the grant, administration will provide information. Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Karen Baker regarding School Based Mental Health Services data.

Discussion pertaining to school-based mental health services which have been provided for the past two years entering into the third year. Further service providers will be sought to increase the number of service providers. Continue to utilize community services to educate our staff and students.

Grant was not pursued at this time as the district is moving to a district social emotional learning (SEL) committee. The committee will develop/implementation plan to meet the SEL needs of students and staff at MAPS. Monitoring and reporting out will follow as well as adding a pillar to the District Scorecard - Student and Staff Wellness. School Based Mental Health Service have been implemented and continue to expand during the 2019-2020 school year.

3. 2011 Wisconsin Act 125 Seclusion and Restraint Reporting

Attached you will find a Special Education/Pupil Services update and information from Karen Baker. Ms. Baker will be available at the meeting to answer any questions board members may have.

VI. Technology

1. Wifi on Buses Outcome

Completed Wifi pilot with hotspots and tested by students. Students were able to bypass security measures and outages were experienced in various areas. A further pilot will be conducted, at a later date, as access point ability increases. Students reported that they eventually shut off the Wifi as it wasn't viable. Resources and services, for the costs, do not meet our needs for costs and capacity.

2. [Skyward Tutorial Topics](#)

How do families know how to utilize/leverage services? Will be using YouTube channel to provide up-to-date resources and how-tos. Will pursue social media postings to supply tricks and tips for parents. Screencasts are also provided when new items are brought forward. Do we know how much help is asked by parents? Mostly passwords based on the reporting (work tickets).

VII. Middle School Teacher Looping 6-8 Grade

This item is on the agenda at a Board member's request.

Teacher certification/licensure is an issue with regard to teacher looping. Content areas at middle school and high school level guide teacher's ability to loop. Ryan and John continue to be in discussion and obtaining further information regarding licensure.

VIII. Keep Extended/Added Minutes of School Day from 2018-2019 School Year at Prairie River Middle School

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Ryan Martinovici, Mark Seaman and John Sample.

I recommend a motion to approve the extension of minutes to the PRMS school day to reflect the start of school as 7:50 a.m. and the end of day at 3:06 p.m.

Motion to approve by Proulx, seconded by Yingling. Motion carried.

IX. Safety Resolution Provided by Bus Drivers

This is on the agenda at a Board member's request. Please see the attached [resolution](#) provided by Ron Behm at the July 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting in regards to increasing safety on MAPS school busses.

Table until further investigation: problems, costs to the district. MAPS contract with both outside transportation contractors (Wendorf Bussing/Peterson Bussing).

Motion to table by Proulx, seconded by Yingling. Motion carried.

X. Standing Agenda Item for Policy Review by CTP Committee

[5530 Drug Prevention](#)

We currently do not have a drug policy for students.

I recommend a motion to forward Policy 5530 Drug Prevention to the Board as a first reading.

Motion to approve by Proulx, seconded by Yingling. Motion Proulx, second by Yingling to amend the motion to include all checked items. Amended motion carried.

7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring

[Current 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring](#)
[Revised 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring](#)

This policy was in need of revisions.

Update to reflect the time that surveillance is on hold as there is a cost involved. Policy reflects 30 days. If an investigation comes forward, the video is able to be pulled and held throughout investigation.

I recommend a motion to forward Policy 7440.01 Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring with revisions to Board as a second reading.

Motion by Proulx, second by Yingling to approve, with revisions. Motion carried.

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

[2131.01 Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment](#)
[2210 Curriculum Development](#)
[2240 Controversial Issues in the Classroom](#)
[2261 Title I Services](#)
[2261.02 Title I - Parents' Right to Know](#)

[2414 Human Growth and Development](#)
[2416 Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information](#)
[2416.01 Parental/Police Access to Instruction Material Center Information](#)
[2421 Career and Technical Education Program](#)
[2421.01 Students as Trainees](#)

Hold above policies for the September 2019 meeting.

XI. Potential Items for Future Meetings

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.