

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 – March 11, 2020

4:30 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, Paul Proulx, Dr. John Sample, Christi Stellingworth, Linda Yingling and Maria Volpe.

Meeting called to order by Maria Volpe at 4:30pm.

Absent: Paul Proulx arrived at 4:36 pm.

Additional Board Members In Attendance: Kevin Blake, Brett Woller, Jon Smith,
Administrators: Jill Seaman, Heather Skutak, Amy Stutzriem, Dawn Nonn, Trisha Detert,
Ryan Martinovici, Shannon Murray, John Hagemeister, John Miller, Mark Seaman, Alex Meshak, Brian Dasher, and Edward Then.

Eleven members of staff and public apart from administrators named above.

- II. Public Comments to the Committee / General Subject Matter Discussion

NOTE: The CTP Committee shall schedule fifteen minutes at the beginning of each regular meeting for members of the public to speak. Speakers will be allotted three minutes to address the Committee. If you have a large group, please designate one representative to speak. Committee members may ask clarifying questions during the comment section, but will typically postpone further discussion and/or action until there is a meeting of the full Board.

No public comment.

- III. Approval of the [February 12, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the February 12, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes by Volpe, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

- IV. Curriculum

1. Varsity/JV Boys Basketball Trip to Winona State University, MN

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from John Miller.

I recommend a motion to forward the approval of the MHS Boys Basketball trip to Minnesota over the winter break of 2020 to full Board.

Motion to forward the approval of the MHS Boys Basketball trip to Minnesota over the winter break of 2020 to full Board by Yingling, seconded Volpe. Motion carried.

2. 2020 Summer School Academy Program Course Description Book

Please see the following [link](#) that brings you to the online summer school course offerings and registration materials. Here is also a [link](#) to the high school course offerings. Please keep in mind that this is still a working document until it is approved by the Board and ready to be published to the public.

I recommend a motion to forward the approval of the schedules, course offerings and registration materials for MAPS Summer School Enrichment 2020 to the full Board.

Information given by Trisha Detert and Alex Mashak. Both are working together this year on Summer School and Alex will take over next year 2020-2021.

Motion to forward the approval of the schedules, course offerings and registration materials for MAPS Summer School Enrichment 2020 to the full Board by Proulx, seconded by Yingling. Motion carried.

3. Middle School and High School Staffing Changes - Reallocation of Curricular Resources at MHS and PRMS

Please see the [attached topic summary sheet](#) from Ryan Martinovici and Shannon Murray.

Discussion regarding topic summary sheet. Review of Q/A, dialogue of options, etc.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of (Scenario One, Scenario Two or Scenario Three) to add a Reading Specialist at MHS and an Instructional Coach at PRMS.

Move forward to the full Board Scenario 1, 2 and 3 for discussion by Proulx, seconded by Stellingworth. Motion carried.

4. Mid-Year Achievement Gap Reduction Report

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

Informational only.

Please see the topic summary sheet above.

5. Student Monitor Report

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

Informational only.

All administrators from Pine River School for Young Learners, Jefferson Elementary, Kate Goodrich Elementary, Maple Grove Charter School, Washington Elementary, Prairie River Middle School, Merrill High School, and Bridges Virtual Academy presented their building data from the second testing period. Collective data, by grade, was also shown.

6. Preliminary Discussion to Shift 5th Grade to the Middle School and 8th Grade to the High School

Board/Administration workshop scheduled for April 8, 2020 for further discussion as well as the April 8, 2020 CTP meeting. Shared various configurations (not contingent on Maple Grove Charter School).

Chart of reconfiguration scenarios that has been developed by administrators through the strategic planning meeting. Chart highlights four scenarios with pros and cons listed and ranked as 1-4 (1 most desirable option).

7. Preliminary Discussion to K-3 Elementary Schools

See above.

8. Preliminary Discussion to Close Jefferson

Optimal plan in response to downsizing in light of declining enrollment. Also based on distribution of remaining two elementary schools to have a school on each side of town. To move all middle school students to the high school, would max out the classrooms at the high school. Pool and auditorium is at middle school and keep the building open for the pool/auditorium.

V. Technology

1. [eRate Quotes](#)

See topic summary above. All wireless access points will be replaced. eRate funding was able to be secured as well as the TEACH Grant to reduce the cost. Actual 203,000 which is budgeted within the Technology budget. Will be Cloud-Based Solution.

Motion to proceed with the projects as outlined by Yingling, seconded by Proulx. Motion carried.

VI. Pupil Services

1. Discussion on Coronavirus Preparedness

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

Informational only.

Update on information to date, week of March 2, 2020, which is included in the topic summary. Cabinet has met, and will continue to meet with the ALT team, to address all levels in the Pandemic Plan and this plan will be a live document and updated on a continual basis. Informational video to go out, website information, district staff meeting, etc. Virtual instruction will be implemented, food to be provided via sack meals (if approved), and there are adequate cleaning supplies in the district. Lincoln County Health Department continues to provide direct guidance.

VII. 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](#)

Policies tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Potential Items for Future Meetings

Number of kindergarten students who have attended a 4K program.

Summer School Swim Lesson fees.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.