

# 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 – May 12, 2020 4:30 PM**

### **Meeting Conducted Remotely**

\*If a member of the public wants to participate in this meeting virtually, please contact Keshia Mashak at [keshia.mashak@mapsedu.org](mailto:keshia.mashak@mapsedu.org)

## **Minutes**

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

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

Paul Proulx left at 5:04 and returned at 5:12 due to technical issues.

Additional Board Members In Attendance: Kevin Blake and Jon Smith.

Additional Administrators in Attendance: Trisha Detert, Shannon Murray, Ryan Martinovici, Alex Mashak, Heather Skutak, Dawn Nonn and Mark Seaman.

Three members of the public.

- II. Approval of the [April 8, 2020, Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the April 8, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes by Proulx, seconded by Yingling. Motion carried.

- III. Curriculum

1. Approval of Washington DC and New York City Trip

**Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Ryan Martinovici and Joelene Weix.**

**I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC and New York City for June of 2021.**

Motion by Yingling, seconded by Liberty to forward to the full Board a motion for the approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC and New York City for June of 2021.

2. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Identification

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

See the topic summary sheet above. Presently, Prairie River Middle School is identified as a school that is in need of targeted support. The District has gone through the Data Leadership Academy which will assist with this process. Work has been ongoing to mitigate this identification and provide research based practices to improve students' academic success.

3. Verifying Mastered Standards

**Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Glenda Oginski will be shared before the Committee meeting.**

See topic summary sheet above. This is informational and teachers will share information regarding standard gaps as a result of the COVID-19.

4. Summer School Updates

a. [K-8 Grade](#)

Report out by Trisha Detert. Parent survey results shared. Discussion of virtual versus face-to-face summer school. Unknown at this time as to whether face-to-face but this is the preferred method via parents. Adequate staff to cover summer school options. Swim lessons would not be available in June due to the large number of participants but perhaps in July or August depending on restrictions.

Request for a recommendation to the Board, that Summer School could run face-to-face, July session, or go with the virtual option. The committee would recommend option or choice if order allows.

b. [9-12 Grade](#)

Report out by Shannon Murray. Summer School will be virtual with some classes to be determined as some are face-to-face (Marching Jays, etc.). Most classes are credit recovery.

Motion by Proulx, seconded Yingling to bring the recommendation of face-to-face summer school with the option of virtual summer school and allow flexibility based on State Order at that time and become cost effective with enough students to not be cost prohibitive.

5. 2020-2021 Merrill Adult Diploma (MADA) Calendar

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

**I recommend a motion to forward the 2020-2021 MADA Calendar to the full Board for approval.**

Motion by Yingling, seconded by Liberty to forward to the full Board a motion to forward the 2020-2021 MADA Calendar to the full Board for approval.

6. Approval Student Handbooks/Planners for 2020-2021

[Elementary School Student Handbook](#)  
[Middle School Student Handbook](#)  
[High School Student Handbook](#)

**I recommend a motion to forward the student handbooks as presented to the full Board for approval.**

Motion by Yingling, seconded by Liberty to forward the student handbooks as presented to the full Board for approval.

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

No additional information at this time.

8. Discussion to K-3 Elementary Schools

No additional information at this time.

9. Discussion to Close Jefferson Elementary School

No additional information at this time.

IV. Technology

1. [Wifi Access/Hotspot Update](#) (Please see bullet #1 as information only.)

See report above with regard to Hotspot update. Stay with present Hotspot plan for the remainder of the year. See pricing information in report. Information only at this time.

V. Pupil Services

1. Coronavirus Update - Ongoing

All staff are working collaboratively to provide for all students. This includes teaching staff, related service providers, support staff, and administrators. Shout outs below:

- **PRSYL:** Staff is using a dual method of sharing curriculum through learning materials, books and daily lessons.
- **Jefferson:** All support staff sent postcards to the students with words of encouragement.
- **Kate:** Teachers created virtual field trips to make up for the ones that were cancelled.
- **Maple Grove:** Had Spirit Week last week and children were excited to upload their spirit photos.
- **Washington:** Support staff wrote encouraging personalized postcards to every child in the school.
- **PRMS:** The entire staff has been awesome in dealing with the ever changing situation.
- **MHS:** Staff did an outstanding job of dealing with a recent crisis while in the virtual environment through checking in with students and families, providing counseling for students in a virtual setting and following up with students and families.

Meals served since April 8, 2020 CTP Meeting:

April 26,308

May 12,020

Total 38,328

## 2. Extension of Public School Open Enrollment Application

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

See topic summary sheet regarding the change of Open Enrollment dates.

## 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](#)

Table until June 2020.

## VII. Potential Items for Future Meetings

Comparative academic data from 18-19 to 19-20 school year. Debrief on third quarter data report with side by side level comparison by July 8, 202 CTP meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:34pm.