

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 8, 2023

4:30 PM

MAPS Central Administration Building

(1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin)

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Karen Baker, Jacqueline Gremler, Shannon Murray, Glenda Oginski, Maria Volpe, Brett Woller and (Kevin Blake for) Linda Yingling.

Meeting called to order by Maria Volpe at 4:32 p.m.

Absent: Linda Yingling

Additional Board Members In Attendance: Kevin Blake, Kendra Osness

Administration/Other Staff: Trisha Detert, Megan Kautzer, Andrew Caylor

No members of the community were present.

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

NOTE: The Committee shall schedule five 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 usually postpone further discussion and/or action until further public input.

No public comment.

- III. Approval of the [February 8, 2023, CTP Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion by Woller, second by Gremler to approve the February 8, 2023 CTP Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

- IV. Curriculum

1. WIAA Boys Hockey Cooperative and WIAA Girls Hockey Cooperative Approval

Please see the [attached renewal agreement](#) that was approved last year for

the boys hockey cooperative. Even though the agreement was for the years of 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, the motion itself only said for the 2022-2023 school year. Please see the [attached renewal agreement](#) for the girls hockey cooperative that was also approved last year, but the motion didn't include the 2023-2024 school year.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval of the WIAA Boys Hockey Cooperative Team and Girls Hockey Cooperative Team renewals for 2023-2024.

Mr. Murray shared that the agreement is a two-year agreement. Aligning board action with the existing agreement. Boys may look different due to Wausau future consolidation and there may be no female hockey players.

Motion by Gremler, second by Volpe to forward to the full Board the approval of the WIAA Boys Hockey Cooperative Team and Girls Hockey Cooperative Team renewals for 2023-2024. Motion carried.

2. Human Growth and Development Update

See the attached [topic summary sheet](#) submitted by Glenda Oginski.

Informational only.

Ms. Oginski spoke on the progress of this committee. The committee is doing the right work and good work and should be wrapped up for the April CTP/BOE meetings. Committee has discussed making changes and not bound to a timeline other than updates for the upcoming school year. Has to have BOE approval prior to teacher implementation.

3. **Discussion on Vaping Procedures, Protocols and Strategies For Addressing Vaping Occurrences**

Ms. Detert addressed the committee regarding this topic. Nation-wide problem and a constant agenda item on Valley Principal Meetings. Implemented practice approaches aligning discipline procedures. MSI day, officers provided professional development, drug trends, etc. to enable staff to be further educated. Explained first violation to take Vape Educate class in lieu of a fine. Received Aspirus grant to purchase newer classes tailored to their offense. Certified AODA Counselor will start after spring break to assist students with addiction concerns. MAPS Mental Health Matters group is also involved. School social worker working to connect services for students/families and providing group sessions. Ms. Detert shared the discipline side of such offenses. Emerging at the middle school and discipline is similar. Discussion around how to educate and increase proactive strategies to include outreach to parents. Educating students at an early level. Narcan information will come to the board in April.

V. Special Education/Pupil Services

1. Addressing Achievement Gap/Co-Teaching and Co-Planning Update

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

Informational only.

Ms. Baker reviewed the topic summary above. Co-Teaching is in its second year of professional development including identified sped teachers and regular ed. teachers. Most recent PD involved being with PLC teams to observe and provide feedback on collaboration with the teams. Upcoming meeting with building administrators to update and continue to plan Co-Teaching.

VI. Technology

1. 1-1 Student Device Refresh Grades 3-12

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Andrew Caylor regarding chromebook purchase. Sealed bids are being opened on Friday, March 3, 2023, and the amounts will be updated in the motion below prior to the meeting.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval to purchase chromebooks in the amount of \$1,082,947.50 to be purchased with ESSER funds for grades 3-12.

Andrew Caylor shared the refresh process with committee members. Committee undertook the task of determining what type of device to use. Chromebooks will be used for Grades 3-12. Topic summary sheets reflect the sealed bids and were opened last Friday. Devices will be purchased opposed to the previous method of leasing.

Motion by Woller, second by Blake to forward to the full Board the approval to purchase chromebooks in the amount of \$1,082,947.50 to be purchased with ESSER funds for grades 3-12. Motion carried.

2. 1-1 Student iPad Device Refresh Grades K-2

Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Andrew Caylor regarding iPad purchase.

Andrew Caylor shared that the same process, as above, was completed. K-2 will use iPads. No sealed bid process as Apple is the only source to purchase.

I recommend a motion to forward to the full Board the approval to purchase

iPads in the amount of \$224,372.50 to be purchased with ESSER funds for grades K-2.

Motion by Woller, second by Blake to forward to the full Board the approval to purchase iPads in the amount of \$224,372.50 to be purchased with ESSER funds for grades K-2. Motion carried.

VII. Standing Agenda Item for Policy Review by CTP Committee

Please see the attached [main index](#) for Committee review of policies. At this time, the Committee is up-to-date on their review.

VIII. Potential Items for Future Meetings

No items identified at this time.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Woller, second by Blake to adjourn at 5:18pm.