

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 – May 8, 2019

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, Richard Lind, Keshia Mashak, Paul Proulx, Dr. John Sample, Maria Volpe and Linda Yingling

Meeting called to order by Maria Volpe at 4:33 pm.

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

Others in Attendance: Brett Woller, Kevin Blake

Absent: Richard Lind,

- II. Approval of the [April 10, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

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

- III. Standing Agenda Item for Policy Review by CTP Committee

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

- IV. Look at Revising the 2019-2020 School Calendar and Adding on Days for Potential Make-up Days

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

Potential of looking to add 15 minutes to the school day to address an increase in instructional minutes. Will meet with bus contractors to discuss. May look different at each building. Very initial conversations. Will bring further information to the next C/T/P meeting and June Board meeting. Concern of students waiting at am/pm bus stops for

longer length of school day. (Various scenarios with different minute combinations and adding to am or pm day and also based on DPI requirements).

V. Curriculum

A. [Parent/Teacher Organization \(PTO\) Processes](#)

See linked document above. Three elementaries are similar with Maple Grove following with Governance Board. The PTOs are all voluntary.

B. [Bullying Policy/Procedures](#)

See linked document above. There are proactive methods at each building. Policies and Administrative Guidelines are adhered. P3 app is available.

C. Extended School Day

See above.

VI. Pupil Services

A. Open Enrollment Applications

Families can apply to three schools by the end of April. Records are still being exchanged and families, once approved for a chosen district, have until the third Friday count to decide. For the 2019-20 open enrollment, several students were denied based on their age. Records need to be reviewed thoroughly in order to ensure students are placed in the proper grades. Our open enrollment "out" numbers have decreased.

B. Follow Up on Students Leaving District

This is on the agenda at a board member's request, wanting an ongoing running list of reasons why students leave the district. Please see the attached [topic summary sheet](#) from Karen Baker.

Process to be developed to track outgoing students to be reported out to the Board.

VII. Technology

A. [Options for Wifi on Busses for Athletes](#)

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

B. [Update on What Students Do for Homework that Don't have Wifi](#)

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

See linked documents above. Area districts were surveyed. There is a service noted that provides Hotspot services. Costs are included. Two districts turn on the service for some bus events and not installed on every bus. It is visible but comes with a cost. Internet is improving but data packs may not be sustainable. There is a concern with the data limit as well as other persons leveraging data. Further investigation needs to occur to determine if cost efficient and prices will come down in the future. Students are able to work offline.

C. [Information on E-Sports in the Merrill Schools](#)

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

See document above. This is not a recognized club to date. There is structured with appropriate games that students are able to utilize. There is a competition for JV and/or Varsity teams. Video access is reserved for after school time only. Discussion on how to possible sustain this program. There is adult supervision. Discussion of whether existing sport participants were opting for E-Sports. This does not appear to be the case.

VIII. Potential Items for Future Meetings

Head Start to kindergarten transition process. Kindergarten Visit Day process.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.