

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education
Curriculum and Student Development Committee
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
5:30 PM
Polson Library / Zoom**

MEETING MINUTES

Diane Infantine-Vyce called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Committee Members present/Zoom:

Diane Infantine-Vyce (Chair-in person), Greg DeSantis, (Zoom), Cathy Miller (in person) and Galen Cawley (ex officio, in person)

Administration and MPS Staff Present/Zoom:

Craig Cooke (Superintendent), Gail Dahling-Hench (Assistant Superintendent), Wendy Brighindi (MPS Secretary & Zoom Host), Stephanie Fumiatti (Literacy Coach for Middle School & HS), Celina DaSilva (HS teacher and Literacy Coordinator), Michele Horn (Brown School & Grade 6 Literacy Coach), Lisa Caldwell (K-5 Literacy Coach), Paul Mezick (DHHS Science Dept. Chair & Chemical Hygiene Officer for Polson & DHHS)

Recorder: Diane Infantine-Vyce

1. A Presentation was given to the committee on Morphology Scope and Sequence by the Literacy Coaches (Fumiatti, Horn, Caldwell) and Coordinator (DaSilva). Morphology was defined/described as it relates to language and specific examples were given and discussed. The benefits of morphology instruction were discussed with regards to building success in reading, writing and spelling. The coaches worked with Ben Powers to develop the approach. Grades 3 & 4 are doing Morphology Mondays to integrate morphology work into their curriculum (Foundations had some morphology work built in to Level 3). Ben Powers helped to integrate Fountas & Pinnell Word Study (previously used) into the morphology program and created the scope and sequence to integrate morphology into grades 5 & 6. The plans are to extend the Morphology Mondays into grades 5 & 6. Additional PD is needed on instructional strategies to use in the classroom for morphology. The literacy coaches are partnering with interdisciplinary team members to support this work across content areas, such as Social Studies and Science, and have plans to integrate morphology into grades 7 and up.
2. Paul Mezick discussed the Polson and Daniel Hand Science Dept. Chemical Hygiene Plans. He fielded questions and discussed changes made to the plan. Three changes were presented to the current plan:
 - a. The dates were updated on the plan to the current school year;
 - b. Appendix D was updated with a statement about posting the regulations regarding eye protection as per section 214a of the CT general statutes;
 - c. Dosimeters will be used monthly to ensure goggle cabinet bulbs emit 100mj/cm squared during a 15-minute disinfection cycle.

Paul will get back to the committee with answers to questions posed regarding emergency bleeding and lacerations protocol and a few minor changes to align Polson's & Hand's plans more closely. The three changes to the current plans will be action items at tonight's

BOE meeting.

3. One question/comment from the community was noted in support of the morphology presentation and how it is extending morphology teaching across content areas.
4. Gail will collect questions in advance from this committee and the entire Board for the Presentation of Scores to the Board of Ed on 9/28/2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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