

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education
Curriculum and Student Development Committee
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
5:30 PM
DHHS FAB Lab**

MEETING MINUTES

Steven Pynn called the meeting to order at 5:35

Members present: Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn

Also present: Seth Klaskin, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Emily Rosenthal

Recorder: Steven Pynn

I. FAB Lab Tour

Speakers: Corey Rice, Michael Kiefer, Diana Floyd, students.

The meeting focused around a tour and presentation of the FAB Lab and its progress after six months of operation. The initial efforts have been around building understanding of the purpose and potential of the lab and building capacity. Toward that end there have been training documents and videos as well as focused trainings of nine teachers in the use of the equipment and cross-curricular possibilities. The primary function of the lab is in support of the Independent Study Project for students although other students are being drawn to the space to explore their particular interests. The staff are endeavoring to be responsive to student interests and are making machines and materials available based upon what students are seeking. An example of this was the sewing machines that generated immediate interest. A number of student projects were displayed and explained including scale architectural models, electronics, etching and engraving using laser, CNC models and projects, 3D printer products and NASA fabrics, to name a few. It was pointed out that this is just the beginning and that the LAB has great potentiality and growing student interest. Of concern is the fact that the primary visionary of this lab is leaving the district to accompany his family out of state. Efforts to bring other staff members up to speed and recruit a similarly experienced leader are under way.

II. There was not public comment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.

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