

**Mason Public Schools
Board of Education
Policy & Curriculum Committee Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2017**

A Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Education Center on Monday November 27, 2017. Laura Cheney called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

Present: Laura Cheney, Liz Evans and Christopher Mumby
Absent:

Also Present: Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent; Matt Stuard, Curriculum Director, Ted Berryhill, Principal; Lance Delbridge, Principal; Mason Staff

1. Middle School Schedule

Ted Berryhill presented information regarding a middle school master schedule change. Ted and the team will present the proposed schedule to Administration in December and to the committee in January. The recommended timeline is to make the schedule change by February 2018 for implementation for the 2018-19 school year.

2. Reproductive Health

Lance Delbridge discussed proposed changes to the district reproductive health curriculum. It was recommended to move forward with the K-8 approval process for Board approval.

Public hearings for the K-8 curriculum would be held at the James Harvey Education Center on the following dates:

- Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30p.m.
- Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30p.m.

The Reproductive Health Committee will continue to review the 9-12 curriculum and present its recommendations to the committee at a later date.

3. Science Curriculum

Matt Stuard presented on the Michigan Science Standards (MSS). All district staff, except Kindergarten teachers, have been trained in the new science standards.

Ted Berryhill and Lance Delbridge presented implementation plans. The middle school is requesting a pilot for the Investigating and Questioning our World through Science and Technology (IQWST) program for Spring 2018. January professional development would consist of IQWST training for middle school staff. Dissemination of information to families regarding the new standards and expectations was discussed.

Lance Delbridge shared a re-alignment, and one course addition, to the high school science course sequence to meet the new science standards. Graduation credits will need to be adjusted to accommodate the change. To complete the course sequence re-alignment, and ensure MSS coverage, the high school science department will receive facilitated work time in December and January.

4. Social Studies Curriculum

Matt Stuard reviewed the district social studies curriculum. Current textbooks are very outdated and the 6-12 social studies work group is studying new programs to possibly recommend for adoption. Discussion followed regarding possible implementation plans.

5. StudySync Update

Matt Stuard shared information about the 6-12 StudySync implementation. The committee discussed implementation science, ELA standards and the common core, career and college readiness, survey of enacted curriculum data and district ELA achievement data. In addition, Mr. Stuard explained the district process in place to address StudySync questions including the ELA 6-12 Curriculum Council, building level administration, and PLCs.

6. NEOLA Policy Updates

The Committee reviewed updates and new policies for the September 2017 NEOLA update. Policy revisions proposed by a Trustee were discussed and no further action was recommended.

Policies 1421, 3121, 4121, 1439, 3139, 4139, 2410, 8142, 8321, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7540.05 were recommended to the Board for first reading.

7. Start time for future meetings

The meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017 will begin at 7:00p.m. All future meetings of the Policy and Curriculum Committee will begin at 6:00p.m.

8. Set preliminary agenda for next meeting

- NEOLA
- Curriculum Updates
- Schedule Updates

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41p.m.