

SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
W299 N5614 Highway E
Hartland, Wisconsin 53029

TEACHING & LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING **November 5, 2015** **6:00 p.m.**

Present: Susie Polentini, Rebecca Morrison, Kyle Moore, Krissy Perugini, Michele Koper, Kim Krotts, Gena Santharam, Andrew Joseph, Annie DiPietro and Melissa Thompson

Excused: Rachel Crockford

The Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting convened at 6:03pm.

DISCUSSION

- A. **Welcome, Committee Purpose, & Shared Commitments:** Committee members discussed the purpose of the committee and create shared commitments to guide the committee's work.
- B. **Curricular and Programmatic Review Processes 2015-16:** Krissy Perugini provided committee members with an overview of the process the Reading and Language Arts Steering Committee is using to determine a programmatic recommendation for Writing. Additionally, Melissa Thompson updated committee members on the process and timeline for the PE/Health, Special Education, and Social Studies reviews also being completed this year. The committee also reviewed the 5 year cycle and determined that Math should be moved to the 2017-18 school year and that Guidance should be included for the 2016-17 school year. Finally, the committee discussed programming the district does not offer currently or areas for potential overarching improvement which include: 4 year old Kindergarten, allowing more choice in middle school for elective offerings, incorporating a Genius hour and/or MakerSpace time in the academic week, more focus on pupil services for students including studying the Habits of Mind and consistent use of organizational systems, and how to ensure middle school students use technology more and that a consistent platform for the posting of assignments and course materials could be used. Committee members agreed to spearhead the study of these identified concerns and suggestions.
- C. **Action Plan for Excellence in Character and Community:** This item was tabled due to time and will be worked on via electronic communication by committee members.
- D. **Action Plan for Excellence in Personalized Learning:** Principal Kyle Moore provided an overview of the staff focus on Assessment as a component of this action plan. A next version of this action plan is in development for committee review at a future meeting.
- E. **Determination of Key Messages and Desired Outcomes by February:** This item was tabled due to time and will be worked on via electronic communication by committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Teaching and Learning Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Thompson
Superintendent

Approved: _____

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