



## **Regional School Unit 63** **Clifton, Eddington, and Holden**

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### **Curriculum Committee Minutes**

Date: March 19, 2024

School Board Member Attendees: Linda Graban, Amy Hart, Tracy Bigney

Other Attendees: Kristina Dumond- Director of Curriculum, Ashley Perry- Classroom Teacher, Sarah Lane- Parent

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm.

Tina(Director of Curriculum) gave an update on:

1. The new reading program that was ordered using the Literacy Grant money the state allocated to our district. Each classroom will be getting all the consumables (Teacher books, mentor texts and student workbooks) for the Into Reading program. This program is comprehensive, spans K-8 and follows best practices of the Science of Reading which rates it highly on EdReports. Materials will arrive, hopefully before April vacation. Teachers will have PD for this program which will happen by the end of this school year.
2. The new math program which was researched and suggested last year. The staff had chosen iReady math. This program is comprehensive, spans K-8 and follows best practices which rates it highly on EdReports. Grade 1 has been piloting it and they love it. Pending budget approval, materials will be given to teachers this summer and PD will be done the days prior to school beginning.
3. A proposed draft schedule for the middle school. Pending approval, the schedule would have teams of grades 5/6 and 7/8 . This will allow for a better transition for grade 5 and create a middle school culture with teamwork. Staff will be able to analyze data and work together more effectively to help enhance student learning.

Concerns were brought up about teachers having to learn two new programs for next year and not enough PD. Tina discussed working with Kelly T. on next year's calendar (pending approval) creating a draft that allows for more PD time. Other concerns included the changes with the proposed schedule. Tina reiterated that this was a draft.

The committee was able to look over the results of a survey sent out to our students in High School. We had 48 responses with a mix of positive and negative. We discussed



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how the academic pieces were being addressed through consistent programs that will begin next year. The team discussed looking into PBIS and whole school rewards. We decided that we wanted to send a survey out to the teachers of these students to see what they saw. We will be emailing each other possible survey questions and putting it together to send out. We also sent a survey out to the parents of our high school students. So far we have too few responses to base any conclusions on and we hope to get more to be able to use their responses for improvements.

Ashley Perry did a presentation from the Grade 1 team showing activities they do in each subject area and standards that align with those activities. The committee discussed having this presented to the School Board in April. Our discussion led into what is taught vs. how things are taught.

Finally, we decided that we will think about what to have on the agenda for the next meeting on 6/11/24.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm