

## Meeting Minutes

### Board Curriculum Committee

Monday, April 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Tompkins Boardman Administration Center

Conference Room C (2nd Floor)

412 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49686



*Approved on May 30, 2023*

**PRESENT:** Erica Moon Mohr, Flournoy Humphreys, Beth Pack, Dr. John VanWagoner (virtual), Kristin Perkowski, Kirsten Jones-Morgan, Tiffany Pomaville, and Jessie Houghton

**ABSENT:** Heidi Maltby-Skodack

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AT 4:03 PM

Trustee Moon Mohr called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Moon Mohr offered time for public comment and no request was made.

#### 3. VISUAL PERFORMING APPLIED ARTS PRESENTATION (PART 1)

The TCAPS Music Department presented part 1 of the Visual Performing Applied Arts Presentation to the Board Curriculum Committee. This presentation was focused on areas of improvement for consideration in pre-bond planning. Wendee Wolf-Schlarf, Ingrid Pylvaninen, and Chad Mielens presented on behalf of the TCAPS Music Department. Their presentation included information about how the current TCAPS facilities do not match the quality of the program being offered. Wendee, Ingrid, and Chad discussed a list of potential upgrades for the Music Department with Board Committee members.

#### 4. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

##### a. Draft Committee Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023

The Committee discussed the Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023. No changes were recommended and the Minutes from April 3, 2023 are to remain as posted.

##### b. TCAPS District Course Catalog Updates

The Committee was informed that no changes are being made to the District Course Catalog at this time.

#### 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### a. Strategic Plan Updates

Kristin Perkowski, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, gave an update to the Committee on the Strategic Plan. TCAPS Portrait of a Graduate was formally adopted by the Board of Education at its last meeting and work continues to move forward on this within the district.

As Mission Based Budgeting continues to move forward, Kristin informed the Committee that Administration is making it a priority to be intentional with aligning this work with the Michigan Continuous Improvement Plan and also the Strategic Plan goals.

##### b. Grades K-5 Math Curriculum Recommendation

Jessie Houghton, K-12 Mathematics Curriculum Director & Principal, Traverse City Central High School, presented the Committee with a math curriculum recommendation for K-6, following a year-long review of two different curricular options.

TCAPS currently has 219 students taking advanced placement mathematics and 42 students who are dual enrolled in this subject at Northwest Michigan College (NMC). Jessie gave credit to math teachers within the district for these impressive numbers.

The goals for the math curriculum recommendation were as follows:

- Include: K-6 grade standards
- Tier 2 & 3 support material
- Online presence with adaptive practice
- Instructional strategies
- Assessments with useful data summaries

The recommendation is the adoption of Math Expressions for 4 (or 6) years. This recommendation will be brought forward to the Board Finance and Operations Committee prior to it being presented to the full Board of Education for approval at the June 12, 2023 meeting.

**c. Teach for America Partnership**

Kristin Perkowski gave an overview of the district's partnership with Teach for America. Teach for America provides training for teachers and leaders who committed to teaching in a low-income community for two years.

The Detroit area Teach for America group reached out to TCAPS about this opportunity. This partnership looks to identify high impact teachers. There will be 4-6 at each school in each area of **Early Career Educator Cohort, National Board-Certified Educator Cohort, and the Aspiring Leaders Cohort**. Traverse Heights and Blair Elementary School are the two TCAPS schools that staff could be selected from, based on their proportion of economically disadvantaged students. The goal is to inform policy at the State level and Innovation and Leadership in Education.

Kristin will continue to provide updates to the Committee regarding the partnership.

Trustee Humphreys absent from table 5:18 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.

**d. Celebrations & Successes**

Administration presented Celebrations & Successes around the District. Announcing the TCAPS K-12 Student Art Show following the Committee meeting.

The West Senior High School FIRST Robotics team had an excellent first two days at the FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas. The team ended their rounds with an 8-2 record and was 16th place out of 77 teams.

Cognitive coaching happened April 17-18, 2023. Cognitive coaching is a training that teaches coaches how to best facilitate conversations with their teaching colleagues. This model teaches the coaches how to help their colleagues have reflective conversations, clarify their own thinking, establish their own goals, and work with staff on implementing strategies to meet their goals.

Administration presented a summary of the recent *Battle of the Books* event for 4th and 5th grade students in participating schools.

Committee members can stay up-to-date on what's happening by visiting the TCAPS website or following TCAPS on social media.

**6. OTHER ITEMS**

No other items were discussed by the Committee.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

*Megan Feiss*

Megan Feiss  
Board Recording Secretary

**Next Board Curriculum Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

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***Curriculum Committee Members:***

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Kirsten Jones Morgan, and Tiffany Pomaville***