

**School District of Beloit**  
**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**  
**Kolak Education Center—Room 106**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting was called to order by Kris Klobucar at 4:17 p.m.

Committee members present: Lisa Anderson-Levy(via telephone) and Kris Klobucar. Member absent: Pam Charles.

Also present: Laurie Endres, Anthony Bonds, Tony Bosco and Darrell Williams.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Anderson-Levy moved approval of the agenda. Klobucar seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.*

**3. Approval of November 2017 Meeting Minutes**

*Anderson-Levy moved approval of the November, 2017 minutes. Klobucar seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.*

**4. BMHS Academy Formation Planning Update**

Bonds and high school staff presented the information and research on high school academies. Carole Campbell, principal, indicated that they have been researching academies since last year. She explained that Freshman year would be an “exploratory” year so the schedule would be slightly modified from the standard block to give freshman flexibility. The rest of the building would stay on a regular block schedule and follow pathways within three academy areas. Campbell reviewed planning and organization which includes reviewing current courses and staffing. She also described the categories and assignment of tasks such as the pathway components, designing and scheduling the 9th grade academies as well as the 10-12th grade academies. There would also be business partnerships, research best practices, facility decisions, branding and communication to staff, families, students, etc. Integration and scheduling process would need to be another area to align courses, design the pathways, present courses to the students, determine sections, AVID elective programming, determining staff, and building a master schedule. She did indicate that scheduling is a long process.

Endres indicated that she has heard a lot from students in terms of ready for change and information. She also stated that she is excited. Klobucar discussed staffing in terms of student services staff, secretarial staff, etc. Campbell indicated that the hope would be to have student services staff for each academy and that secretaries have been prepped that they may become academy secretaries. Klobucar asked about students who are not as engaged or want to change pathways. Andre indicated that students are able to change pathways through Junior year. In their senior year, it would be more difficult. She also indicated that having a block schedule will make it easier for students to “make up” a change in academy if needed. Other things that will be a positive in Freshman year will be having speakers come in for the specific academies to help freshman make their choice before moving into Sophomore year. Klobucar is also very excited about the academies and the evolution of it. Bonds indicated that this will not be an easy task to pull off by the end of the spring/summer in preparation for next school year which is why he is requesting additional support at the Policy/Personnel Committee meeting.

*This item was for information only. No action was taken.*

**5. Data Reports (no report this month)**

There was no report this month.

**6. Achievement Gap Efforts (no report this month)**

There was no report this month.

**7. Academic Achievement Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Bonds gave a brief update on the committee work. Klobucar indicated that many of the subcommittees have done good work and research.

*This item was for information only. No action was taken.*

**8. Academic Achievement Ad Hoc Committee Board Presentation, Follow-Up and Discussion**

Bonds discussed the items that the subcommittees brought forward as a group to bring to the board. It was discussed that the items will come back to the Curriculum meeting in January for action to then come to the full Board of Education at the end of January. Endres and Klobucar agreed that they did not want to lose the momentum of the committee work, which has been excellent!

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Second Step - Child Protective Unit January  
Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations for Approval

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.