

WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee
MINUTES

April 20, 2023

3:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Recording

Members Present

Tracey Anderson (4:14 pm)

Laura Rodriguez

Ann Grosjean

1. Call to order

Superintendent Stevens called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

2. Overview of math curriculum

Dr. Conley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Heidi Aforismo, Math Coach, provided an overview of the curriculum using Illustrative Math as the core program. They shared the shifts in teaching mathematical instruction from direct instruction to problem-based learning that is inquiry-based. Several resources were shared including the links to the Illustrative Mathematics website that provides free resources for parents and staff members. Dr. Conley shared the rationale for choosing the Illustrative Math program as the core program for kindergarten through eighth grade. The written curriculum template was reviewed including priority standards, resources, routines and procedures, and assessments.

Committee members asked questions about prior programs utilized as well as the programs currently being used by E.O. Smith and the other feeder districts. They asked about adaptive units and additional resources needed to support student growth, especially as a result of COVID gaps.

Superintendent Stevens shared the importance of a consistent program that provides continuity for kindergarten through eighth grade. He also highlighted the consistency of the curriculum template for all content areas which was utilized to write the math curriculum. It was also noted that many districts are using the Illustrative Math program and that outside professionals are available for professional development if needed.

Dr. Conley stated that she would share the full curriculum via email and include guiding questions for Board members to consider as they reviewed the documents. Superintendent Stevens noted that the same high-level overview would be provided to the full Board of Education prior to sharing the math curriculum. The committee discussed the next steps to bring the curriculum to the full Board in June.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm.

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