

EPLC

Educational Programs Leadership Council - The Grosse Pointe Public School System

Minutes from EPLC
Date: November 17, 2021
Time: 8:30-11:30 AM
Administration Board Room

I. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS/GUESTS

Present: John Kernan, Sara Dirkse, Katy Vernier, Cindy Parravano, Courtney Dykstra, Pam Albrecht, Angela Whateley, Taylor Barczyk, Andrea Gruenwald, Julie Lawrence, Brian Levinson, Lisa Khoury, Lisa Aouad, George Bailey, Heidi Gunderson-Moore, Anaya Winesberry, Maureen Bur, Keith Howell, Dr. M. Jon Dean, Stefanie Hayes, Taryn Loughlin
Absent: Chris Stanley, Meghan Parent, Aleena Siddiqui

Guest- Rodger Hunwick

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda for November 17, 2021

Motion-Taryn Loughlin

Second- Lisa Aouad

The Motion passed unanimously

B. Approval of [Minutes](#) from September 22, 2021

Motion-Taryn Loughlin

2nd-Anglea Whateley

The motion passed unanimously

C. Approval of 6th Grade Electives Schedule

[Presentation](#), [Cover Letter](#), 6th Grade [Course Selection Sheet](#)

Presented by Roger Hunwick

Question: Taryn Loughlin-Is Art Plus a completely different course?

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Answer: Maureen Bur- Yes, the units go more in depth; but is listed as a separate course on the Program of Studies.

Question: Taryn Loughlin-What happens if the option is removed?

Answer: Maureen Bur- Students would not have the opportunity to take the class. This is a short term recommendation for the 22/23 school year; the long term recommendation is to convene a middle school study to better meet the unique needs of our middle school students.

Question: Cindy Parravano-What about other plus courses, if we allow Art plus, what about other plus courses, such as band plus.

Answer: Rodger Hunwick-This would be part of the Middle School study.

Question: Taylor Barczyk- When will the Middle School study take place?

Answer: Maureen Bur- We are looking to begin meeting this winter.

Question: Andrea Gruenwal- Did you survey the students and Parents?

Answer: Rodger Hunwick-No, We surveyed the departments, 5 of the 9 recommended moving from the 8 choices to the proposed 6 choices.

Question: Andrea Gruenwald- If it's a small number of students this is affecting, couldn't we leave it and not run the class?

Answer: Maureen Bur- That could lead to students having no choice.

Comment: Dr. Gunderson-Moore-More classes will mean shorter times, students miss longer classes.

Comment: Maureen Bur -The structure/length of middle school classes could be part of the middle school study.

Comment: Taryn Loughlin- A parent voice is important, it is imperative, we must have specifics before decisions can be made.

Comment: Maureen Bur- Agreed, the proposed change is meant to bridge the gap next year while the middle school study committee convenes and makes long term recommendations.

Question: Brian Levinson- Why was Art not included

Question: Julie Lawrence-Why was Industrial Tech. not included

Answer: Maureen Bur -It was also brought up to add Coding and Drama. This is a baby step for next year only, all of this will be addressed via the Middle School study

Motion-Lisa Khory

Second-Cindy Parravano

The Motion passed (with one no vote-Andrea Gruenwald)

D. Approval of [HS](#) Program of Studies

Motion-Cindy Parravano

Second-Angela Whateley

Motion Passed unanimously

E. Approval of [MS](#) Program of Studies

Motion-Taylor Barczyk

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III. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- A. Strategic Plan Update-An update of this plan was presented by Dr. Dean; working drafts can be found on the [website](#).

Question: Anaya Winesberry- Are there students on the committee?

Answer: Dr. Dean- yes, 2 from each High School.

Question: Dr. Gunderson-Moore- Is the committee discussing languages, possibly offering Mandarin?

Answer: Dr. Dean- We had Mandarin for about 9 years. It had the lowest enrollment of all of the language courses. It was phased out about 5 years ago; this could be something curriculum studies propose in the future.

- B. ECC Update- Presented By Keith Howell

The committee has met four times since the last briefing. Keith provided information regarding the [ECC presentation](#) that went to the board on November 8.

Question: Anaya Winesberry- What would you raise the tuition rate?

Answer: Keith Howell 15-30%

Question: Courtney Dykstra- How many classrooms will you have?

Answer: Keith Howell- 6-8

Question: Anyay Winesberry-Will there be financial Aid?

Answer: Keith Howell- There may be potential grants available, they are in the process of getting more information.

Comment: Keith Howell- Head Start will continue in the district.

Question: Lisa Khoury-Have you considered partnering with other agencies?

Answer: Keith Howell- Yes, We are working with a few in the area.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: December 15, 2021