

**WILLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Special Meeting: Curriculum Committee  
MINUTES**

March 6, 2024

4:15 p.m.

**Hybrid Meeting: Zoom and Lower Level Town Office Building**  
Meeting Recording

Members Present (in-person): Briana Ross, Arthur Christensen, and Tracey Anderson  
Also Present: Superintendent Stevens, Kristen Stevens (literacy coach), and Dr. Erin Conley (Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

**1. Call to order**

Superintendent Stevens called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.

**2. Discussion on CKLA state-mandated reading program**

Kristen Stevens, literacy coach, shared feedback from two schools, one in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania. Both schools reported they had been using the program for approximately one year and that they had seen incredible improvements in their student DIBELS scores. They had good feedback from staff, students, and families. They also reported that they would go with CKLA again if faced with the same decision again. K. Stevens reported that several surrounding school districts were going with CKLA including Stafford, Ellington, Hebron, Columbia, and Pomfret. P. Stevens reported that they would have grant funding to purchase the program for preschool through grade 8. T. Anderson asked if the funding included the trade books and the mCLASS data collection program, and P. Stevens answered yes. A. Christensen was glad to see other towns were going with the same program. T. Anderson stated she felt the program checked all the boxes and provided teachers with information to meet students where they were at in their learning progression. A. Christensen asked what Mansfield would be using and K. Stevens shared information about how they decided on their program. The committee stated they would support moving the program forward and requested K. Stevens complete a brief presentation to the full Board. B. Ross stated she thought it would be important during her presentation to connect CKLA to the professional development that had already been completed by staff members.

**3. Discussion on reporting trimester student progress for parents/guardians**

A. Christensen asked about the curriculum and inquired about what information is intended to be shared with families regarding student progress. Dr. Conley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, responded that all the curricula have pieces that can be shared with parents. P. Stevens stated that it is something they are working on in their long-term plan and that with all the changes in curriculum, assessments, and programs, they were working on identifying the pieces that would be shared with families and items that would be maintained as part of a student portfolio. K. Stevens stated that during program discussions they were discussing the same topic of what report card revisions would look like and how the workbook pages would be utilized and shared. T. Anderson offered to share her knowledge of mCLASS with K. Stevens regarding the reports that can be shared with parents.

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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