

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 16, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Keyes Lab – Distance Learning Center

Present: Laura Bahr, Lauren Runde, Kim Schmelz, Dana Bendorf, Denise Brania, & Beau Buchs

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update on Elementary School ELA Curriculum: Mrs. Bendorf shared a report of the ELA committee meetings and how this has led us to where we currently are. The committee has piloted numerous curriculums and also explored phonics programs. The staff has met over the last two years and had come to a consensus in January to use Haggerty for phonics and stick with the National Geographic Reading series. Mrs. Bendorf then found out that National Geographic will no longer offer the series and the online components after next year. From there, the committee and Mrs. Bendorf decided to check into I Ready Magnetic Reading as this also ties into our progress monitoring and RTI tools. The committee has a training on Friday, March 17, 2023 to learn more about the curriculum and potential options. From there, we hope a decision is made for future ELA curriculum at the elementary level. Mrs. Bendorf also reported that the 6-12 ELA curriculum that we purchased and implemented this year is having success and positive feedback so far.

B. Potential Guidance Curriculum: Mr. Wiese presented a new guidance curriculum called “Sources of Strength”. Some schools in the area are using this curriculum and have started it this year. It is a K-12 curriculum that focuses on building up students’ strengths to deal with tough situations in life. The curriculum uses a wheel of the sources of strength including family support, positive friends, mentors, healthy activities, generosity, spirituality, physical health, and mental health. Mr. Wiese shared that he would like to research this a bit more and do some trials. He also will work with the SEL team to gather some input. Mr. Wiese also shared that he has connected with Mrs. Brunson who is the Guidance Counselor from Mineral Point.

III. Adjourn: Lauren made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Schmelz. Motion passed 3-0.