



Council For Instructional Improvement

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024

8:00 - 11:00 am

Meeting held in the Professional Learning Center
510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

The purpose of the CII is to oversee and guide the work of the district's curriculum & instruction, and professional development committees, focusing on improving the education of each student in WRPS.

1. Norms/Setting the Stage/Grounding our Work (8:00 - 8:10)
 - a. [Approval of CII Meeting Minutes of 9/18/24](#)
 - b. Group Norms
 - i. *Be respectful of the viewpoints of others and communicate in a clear and concise manner.*
 - *Considering opinions/viewpoints*
 - *Minimize distractions (be present)*
 - *Confidential and supportive*
 - *Be good listeners*
 - ii. *Have a meaningful, clear agenda with an approximate time schedule to follow and use a parking lot as needed for each item.*
 - iii. *Respect group decisions.*
 - iv. *Begin and End on Time*
 - v. *A variety of food and beverage choices should be available.*
2. 2024-2025 New Course Proposals/Modifications - (8:10 - 8:45): Discussion/Recommendation
 - a. **Advanced Video, Digital and Graphic Arts**
 - b. **Social Studies Curriculum**
 - i. Game Changers: Tracing History Through Sports - *New Course*
 - ii. America's Voice - *Drop from Program of Studies*
 - iii. America's Story - *Drop from Program of Studies*
 - c. **Proposed Changes to Science Course Offerings**
 - i. Earth Structure and Processes - *Change Prerequisites*
 - ii. Meteorology, Oceanography, Climatology - *Change Prerequisites*
 - iii. Physical Geology - *Change Prerequisites*
 - iv. Topics in Physical Science - *Change Prerequisites*
 - v. Topics in Life Science - *Change Prerequisites*
 - vi. Physics 101 - *Drop from Program of Studies*
 - vii. AP Environmental Science - *Drop from Program of Studies*

Concerns with the language/description of Science courses and prerequisite of a certain grade were brought up. Members would like to see a better description of which grades the courses are for, the rigor of each course and change the C-prerequisite to possibly a B or B-.
 - d. **Name Changes**
 - i. English 101 will change to WF 100 First Year Writing
 - ii. English 202 will change to WF 105 Research and Rhetoric
 - iii. History 102 will change to History 104 World Civilizations II
 - e. **Proposed Changes to Physical Education Outdoor Education Classes**
 - i. Outdoor Education - *Change Prerequisites*
 - ii. Winter Outdoor Education - *Change Prerequisites*

These courses have evolved and are not the identical course as originally thought.

f. **Proposed Changes to Mental Health and Stress Management Health Course -
Change Prerequisites**

This course will be changed to grades 10-12 only and must have completed high school health to enroll. The freshmen are not comfortable or mature enough to handle the material and upperclassmen are frustrated with behaviors of freshmen.

All course proposals/modifications were discussed and members filled out the ballots. Ballots will be tallied and results will be presented to the school board. There was conversation about making the Program of Studies and the Course Maps included in the Program more user friendly for parents. Roxy will discuss this at the next CII Coordinator's meeting.

3. **JROTC Update (8:45 - 9:00)**

Lots of discussion on JROTC. When the board approved the plan to fill out and submit the application, former Superintendent Craig Broeren articulated his belief that also gave approval to move forward with the program - if accepted. WRPS was accepted in February 2024 and Craig Broeren signed the MOU and informed the School Board through the Board Update of the district's plans to move forward. The position for two instructors has been posted but, as of 10/22/24, there is only one applicant. This program will consist of four leadership courses. There is NO mandatory enlistment with this program - strictly leadership courses. The cost factors are unknown at this time. WRPS will have to pay half the salary for each of the two instructors. It is unclear if WRPS is able to back out of the MOU, but if we would apply again, we probably would be low on the list for approval. Roxy shared the committee's concerns with Superintendent Rasmussen. JROTC will go to the board for conversations in November. Continued updates will be brought to the committee.

4. **Acquisition Updates (9:00 - 9:15)**

a. **Secondary English Language Arts**

Secondary ELA has been piloting a few different curricula and updating maps. They want to make sure things align to the 2020 ELA standards. CommonLit was piloted January-June 2024. There are free versions and paid versions that have been used. CommonLit offers many different reports and ways to view data. If CommonLit is purchased, WRPS would get the EssentialsPro package which would cost \$52,000 for two buildings for eight years. NewsELA had a six week pilot by all secondary ELA staff at the start of 2024-2025. It was extremely difficult for students and staff to navigate and there were many concerns. WRPS will not be purchasing NewsELA. Achieve3000 will be the last program to be piloted with 450 secondary students during the second trimester. Achieve3000 offers differentiation to all learners and provides resources with each lesson. This is a great program but can be expensive.

b. **K-12 Music**

The music department is going through their curriculum maps and making them more user friendly. They have been piloting different materials and are looking at how to fill in any gaps.

BREAK (9:15 - 9:30)



- 5. Wisconsin State Assessment System Results 2023-2024 (9:30 - 10:15): *Information, Discussion*

Roxy presented and discussed the WSAS results. The Science and Social Studies portions of the test have not changed in a few years. Math and Language Arts are brand new this year so there can be no comparison to last year. The descriptors have also changed to Developing, Approaching, Meeting and Advanced. School Report Cards were also discussed but will not be released to the public until November.

- 6. Act 20 Updates (10:15 - 10:45)

- a. Draft of Early Literacy Remediation Plan

The Early Literacy Remediation Plan draft will be presented to the Educational Services Committee in December. Once it is approved, it will be placed on the website. All subsections are required to be included. WRPS wants to make sure that the Plan is as clear as possible for all stakeholders.

- b. Draft of Personal Reading Plan

The Personal Reading Plan draft for Kindergarten - 3rd Grade was reviewed. It is a workable document for staff and will give parents a clear plan for their student. This will also pull data from EduClimber.

Members were asked to break into groups and go through the Early Literacy Remediation Plan and the Personal Reading Plan drafts. They then answered the following questions: What was clear? What did you have questions about? What would you change? Other? These responses will be used to clarify things in both plans.

- 7. Wrap - up and Exit Tickets (10:45 - 11:00)

Next meeting: **February 26, 2025 (12:00 - 3:00 pm)**

Parking Lot

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